Over 110 years ago. Boy W.C. Daily
Father of Mary Adeline Daily - Calder
the mother of Lt Col Nathaniel E. Calder

[William C. Daily, Journal, 1851-1861]

I am now entering on the labours of my ninth year in the Itineracy, only a portion of the time have I attempted any thing like a Journal, & so far as I have kept a Journal it has been imperfectly done, first, I write but a poor hand, and second, I compose badly. It is not my remotest desire, or expectation however, that any thing I may write should ever go to press, in-thus writing, giving some account of my travles, here & there, putting some of my thoughts on paper, and refering to persons places and events, as they have attracted my attention under a variety of circumstances, I am enabled to while away a portion of my time pleasantly and I trust to some extent profitably, many things too, which I desire to remember I would likely forget, did I not make them matter of record.

It may be of some interest too, in after years, in the winter time of life, should I like to see it, to know where I was and how engaged at such a date, but there is another consideration, of some weight in prompting me to write, there is my children, that God hath given me, they are dear to me they are lovely and fondly cherished objects, a thousand times, have I borne them up on my heart to a throne of grace and there committed them to God in Prayer it is my earnest Prayer that I may live to see them converted to God members of the Church of Christ, and comfortably settled in life, true, they may die young may go before me - but it is most likely that I may die first may die, even in the days of

their early and sunny childhood — while they are yet so young, that they will not be able to retain in memory, any thing of a fathers instructions, or any knowledge of his personal apearance, or interest in them, Should this be the case I want to leave some items, which tho small — and to others of little or no moment — yet to them may be of some interest and proffit, may serve to remind them of a fathers love — of a fathers prayers, and deep concern, for their present & eternal welfare, into the hands of my children. Then, these scraps may fall, and should this be the case, I trust God may bless it to their good and enable them to follow the writer as he followed Christ, Dec 2nd 1851.

Some items in regard to my travles as an Itinerant in Holston Conference

In the month of February 1843. I was licensed to preach the gospel by the Quarterly Conf. of Marion circuit, (Holston Conf.), This circuit was in the bounds of Wytheville Dist. of which Rev J. K. Catlett was then Presiding Elder, Alexander Harris was in charge of Marion cir at that time,

In Oct of the same year I was admitted on trial into the Holston Annual Conf, the Conf, met that fall at Abingdon Va, (I did not attend, as it was not convenient for me to do so) I think Bishop Morris was the presiding Bishop, I was at home waiting with trembling anxiety the result in my case, it was my desire and expectation (from the Conf, admitting me) to be placed under some one of experience for a few years at least, but Judge of my surprise, and consternation when on the adjournment of Conf. I received notice of my apointment to the Newberry circuit, as Preacher in Charge, I trembled in view of the

responsible post assigned me, but I had gone too far to recede, so girding up the loins of my mind - putting on the panoply of God - seeking his blessing and guidance, and relying on his never-failing promises, I prepared for the battle, and resolved to go. I cannot enter into particulars here, but will only add, I went on to my work - stuck to it faithfully - had a pleasant year - with a good many conversions and accessions to the Church, my claim was one hundred dollars, I received one hundred & twenty, with many tears I bade adieu to this my first circuit, thinking I should never find such dear, warm hearted, christian friends again, Conf. met at Reems Creek, Buncombe Co. N.C. I attended it, which was the first I ever attended. She Newbern ct, embraced at the time I travelled it, portions of Pulaski & Wythe county, Va, the greater portion of it however lay in Wythe Co.

The conference at Reams creek, Buncombe Co. N. C. was the first one I ever attended. Bishop James presided, he was the first Bishop I ever saw, he looked then, to be near forty years old. he was a small man Spare made, and rather pale and delicate in his apearance, There was in his countenance a look of meekness, and then rested on it a sweetness, that seemed not of earth, while a calm dignity characterized the whole man, his voice was feable & somewhat on the femenine order, but he knew how to manage it, it could be heard at a great distance, he preached with great effect, hundreds wept while they hung in breathless silence on the words of truth which he spoke. From this conference I was appointed to the Danisburg circuit, Va, this was a large circuit with some 20 preaching places and about twelve hundred members, the traveling was for the most part exceeding rough, as I had to encounter water and mountains in abundance, with much

ice and deep snow, my route was, from Pearisburg to mouth of wolf creek – up wolf creek some 20 or 25 miles (as well as I now recollect) crossing it some dozen times or more. It was too, a wild dashing streem – from wolf creek across Bushy mountains to Clear Fork up this stream some nine miles thence – across a mountain into Burks garden thence across two mountains to the head of walkers Creek, – down walkers creek to the Irish settlement, & from thence to Pearisburg. this year I had a Colegue a venerable old man whose name was James Charles, employed by the Elder, he was indeed a precious old man, he has since gone to his reward in heaven, I had a pleasant time on Pearisburg cir many precious souls were converted & added to the Church. I left the circuit in deep sorrow, but with the Hope that I should be returned, but in this I was disappointed, Pearisburg circuit lies mainly (or did then) in Giles Co, but embraces pations of Tazwell & Wythe,

A long and weary ride from Pearisburg we, in company with Bro' Hicks my Elder brought me to the Conf, at Athens, Tenn. I recollect it rained almost every day during Conf. I. O. Andrew was our presiding Bishop this Conf, a great man in every sense of the word from this Conf. I was sent to Chattanooga circuit lying in Hamilton County Tenn on the south side of Tennessee river I had some fears in going to this circuit as it was a portion of country noted for chill & fever, but feeling that I was in the hands of God, and that I was safe in his hands. I repaired in due time to my field of labour. I commenced my labours at Chattanooga, then a small town, the circuit was small, with some 10 or 11 appointments Bro' Wm. G. E. Cunningham had preceded me, & left the circuit in good condition. Chattanooga and Harrison were my two weekly appointments on this circuit I became acquainted with and formed an attachment for some dear brethren, whom I trust never to forget

whom I have a good hope of meeting in heaven
among the number was, Alpheus L,
Edwards, he was clerk Leader in Chattanooga
& the best one I ever had, many happy
hours have we spent together, he was a warm-
hearted friend good and true, I never have
found his equal, I thought once I could
ready live without his company, and
when I bade him adieu for the last time,
it almost broke my heart, he was
from Leesburg Va. he is now in
Washington City, filling some office
God bless him, and bring us to meet
above, Methodism was rather feeble on
Cratt. Cir the members'p will not exceed
two hundred & fifty perhaps, they were
all poor too, but I fared well, I lacked
nothing. — I escaped affliction until in
August I was attacked with Chills, it
was not until March following that
I got entirely clear of them, — had a year
of considerable prosperity — and the enjoyable
health. — Long able to ride — Chilling even
few days I went on to Conf at Murfreesboro

at Maysville, we were kindly entertained by the brethren & friends— I boarded with Bro°. Freeman Br. Renegar was with us at Huntsville, I think it was the first Conf. at which he presided. From this Conference I was sent back to labor another year on Chattanooga circuit,— my health was quite bad— I had a severe attack of Chills the night on which we arrived here, I had serious fears about getting back— began to think I should not find a last resting place on that circuit, but, I had given myself to God & the church, I submitted with as good a grace as possible, but in the mean time I was engaged to marry Miss Julia Ann Gordon of Bledsoe Co. Tenn. The engagement was one of near two years standing, I had my doubts as to the propriety of taking her from a land of health, to a sickly clime, however I acquainted her with the state of my feelings, & submitted the case to her for a good & sufficient reason, we were married, and started directly for Chattanooga a distance of

between three and four thousand miles, the weather was cold & unpleasant, my health bad, many sad days I had a return of chills, so that I did not reach my Circuit until Christmas day, a brother had been employed to fill my place the first quarterly meeting was over, I took the work & did what I could in my feable state of health In the Spring however my health improved, the chills left me & I was through the tender mercies of God enabled to prosecute my work in the usual way, nothing of unusual interest occurred this year I had a pleasant time for the most part, attended Conf. in the fall at Jonesboro Tenn, Bishop Andrew in the Chair, my wife went with me to Conf — we boarded at Mr Crouches President Collins & Lady were with us, — this was one of the most pleasant Conferences I ever attended on Saberth I was ordained Elder, — was sent from this conf to Newberry Circuit, where I had spent my first year — During this year my wife staid at her father's

to Cumberland Gap time enough to receive the news that our little Mary Atkins was born, in Newbern, and that the venerable Bishop Paton father of William & Amanda once & for many years members of Holston Annual Conf. the former as now a member of St Louis Conf. (I believe) the latter gone to his rest, Father Paton was a Scotchman, he enjoyed the rare blessing of Perfect love, his theme was Redemption — I stent much at his house — but he is gone home — O may I meet him there, Conference met in Knoxville, to which I expected taking my little family with me, we boarded with Br Samuel Atkin, found him and his wife to be kind, and religious, Bishop Paine attended this Conf, who presided in the satisfaction to the Conf — he was to be most of us a stranger, he is a man apparently 45 years of age, and of fine personal appearance — from this Conf — I went to Rheatown Circuit — June in the upper end of Green, and Sevier

and of Washington county, the circuit I found quite large - having 19 appointments and near twelve hundred members, we had during the year no extensive revivals tho I think upon the whole the work was generally advanced on the Circuit, I collected during the year one hundred and twelve dollars Missionary Money, - Twelve dollars, fifty cents Conf. Coll, while I received one hundred and ninety dollars quarterage, on this Circuit we found some devoted Christians and some good friends to a "Reading Preacher" family, especially George Gilaspie with whom we boarded most of the year for which he would have no pay, O, may kind heaven reward him abundantly, and greatly bless his dear and kind family, White and black, Bro C. D. Smith was my P. E. this year, I wound up the labors of this year with a camp-meeting at Stone Dam C. G. - to which I went to my fathers in law in Rowan county (from where they had but recently settled) left

from there, and went on to Conf. which met at Cleveland, our long tried and good Bishop Janes in the Chair, I labored at Thomas Calvary in company with several other brethren, The following brethren were elected to represent us in Gen Conf to be holden in Cincinnati, Ellis, Patton, Colins-worth, Atkins, Hitchcock & Rogers, It was my lot in the order of providence to be left on Cleveland circuit this year, and I had for my colleague W. F. Parker, a young man just setting out in the work, We had 20 appointments with some eleven hundred members, We had a year of considerable interest near two hundred were converted and added to many joined in Church, I was on Cleveland circuit that we commenced housekeeping, rented a small brick house, at $2,25 cts per month, In March of this year our little Mattie was born, and was baptized by Bro Hitchcock in his

way to general conf. at St Louis,
Our next conference met at Abingdon
Va. Bishop Capers presiding, to this
Conf I took my family we traveled
with a hired family by the name
of Lynch, the Lady a member
of the Presbyterian Church, we
had a pleasant session, and [illegible]
scriptural every day, — I was sent
back to Cleveland alone, tho the
circuit was made some smaller
before going back however we went
on a visit to my mothers in Smyth
Co, Va — we spent a few days there
and returned to Tennessee,
I had now on Cleveland circuit some
14 appointments, which I filled
every three weeks, — a pleasant
little circuit indeed to travel,
and as warm hearted, devoted Christian
people to dwell among, — we removed
from our little brick house, to a
frame building in another part
of town, for which I paid at the

rates of thirty dollars a year I paid it not
the circuit quite unmethodistick I know,
but we had a comfortable house, with
a good garden spot, a very neat
stem, during this year our children
were sick a good deal, but through
the blessing of God, on the kind
attention of Dr G. Thompson. they
were restored to health.

This was among my happiest years
in the Itinerancy. I enjoyed more
of the life and power of religion
than usual, I had many kind
friends around me, I began to
feel much at home on the
Cleveland circ, our wants too
were well provided for, but
most of all my labours that
were not lost. Some hundred
and sixty five were converted.
& probably that number joined
the church, we had a considerable
increase in the members;
such will meet many of them

in the better country, — we become greatly attached to the sweet people of Cleveland, we were both to leave them but with many tearful hope to [illegible] them again, H. M. C. Daily.

Sabbath evening. May 2nd 1852.

The day declines, and will soon be gone — gone to return no more — my sabbath with more ardent and prostrating to my body than that of any other day. O how weary I become, and how glad when the herald of the day of rest, and rest, sweet rest, it proves. During the past day I delivered two discourses in the forenoon at "Jones's" Maple Grove where the pure in heart for I shall see God. This afternoon at Bonser's M. H. from I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness had at each place attentive congregations, some degree of tenderness manifest. Hearts seemed to be softened and almost the Lord's [illegible] Spring up and "produce abundant fruit" is now near "mid spring." Three days have been cold weather, vegetation, [illegible] it is important to man + beast. We had a hail

struggle, but now the air is soft and balmy - the earth is growing warm, and nature in captivating loveliness spreads away on every hand inviting the eye forth to explore, and the mind to admire. There is no season void of beauty and of blessing to man, but Spring is chiefly dear, when once from earth the fallen and blighted, is still green and flourishing it is still splendid. The morning it still wears on its fair bosom the mortgages of former beauty. Thus then is a lovely sabath morning in Spring, the luminary still in sight, gilding verdant hills afar, a gentle breeze floats softly by - birds, busy beautiful tribes of songsters sweet. Have almost hushed their melody and are seeking pleasure repose on the dew green sward, while a serene sky above, and the full ambrosial morn add beauty to the scene, and make the close of this half day (almost lovely indeed, as even half days) like type of rest above, that privileged are some. Ornaments and gold, but memory, powerful - memory, "the fond one that sits in the

soul" is unwilling to let thee go. Lest bright smiling and friendly views the receiving path to gather up the gems, and flowers that sparkle and bloom there, that nothing may be lost. Adieu sweet day of rest! thou didst bring joy to my heart, say that remains as a pleasing effect for the cause is removed; another sabbath of love, of joy and holy stillness, is gone, it numbered "with the days of other years" O when done with life's "light and shade" may I commence the endless within the veil a life of joy and peace, through the blessed redeemer, who is my only hope. Amen.

Not all the waters of the deluge, which drowned a guilty world, deserved Jehovahs hatred of sin as fearful as one drop of the blood that was shed upon the cross. Rev Hugh White.

"We toil & carry our load, and soon they fall away.
But trials our steps pursue, through life's short day.
Many are the pains of earth, full many a heart they thrill
But pleasures of celestial birth, A gift, to man, from God;

1852.

"Through tribulation we enter the kingdom," Acts 14–22.

1 The Apostles had learned this from experience – of mingled pain & joy, – sorrow – & truth – genuine – Lystra &c

2 Christianity does not deceive those whom it invites to its embrace, it makes no fair promises – to be broken does not conceal the dangers of the way – in this it differs from many systems,

3 Generally – that which costs us little, is of little worth, to get to heaven will cost us much labour – toil – and tribulation. O – how valuable is heaven – and how highly we should prize it.

1 We meet with tribulation in becoming Christians – from without – from within.

2 With the Child of God – the Devil tempts – variously – powerfully – almost constantly – the world persecutes, poverty pinches sore – Afflictions – fears – the cross – death.

The moon in brightness shine the sky
And sweetly smiles from her seat on high
The waves no noise but all the while
On earth looks down with pleasant smile
Reposing soft the earth is seen,
All clad in youthful living green.
A gentle balmy breeze moves on
That scarce would stir the lightest down
No voice of man, note of bird is
No. business hum or sound is heard
The heaven above the earth abroad
Proclaims the handy work of God.
Displays the fulness of his grace
That blessed all the noble race,

Jany 1852

M. No 4.

Dec 7th 1852. Winter has set in quite mildly very little cold weather yet, not enough for those who have, or those who wish to kill meat. The last day had been warm, with high winds - rain a part of forenoon, went to town (Athens) this afternoon sold four or five families, - tried to make purchases profitable but O. I was so dull - and my different disposition always so troubles & hinders me, that I fear no good impression was left behind,

"I know that my redeemer liveth" Job

I Some items of the Patriarch,

II That a redeemer was greatly needed

III The benefits of a redeemer,

IIII Evidences of a redeemer

Justification by faith

1 Who are justified by faith,

2 What is meant by justification

3 And what by the faith, justifying

4 The procuring cause

5 The effect — peace,

Glad tidings brought,

I Know what those tidings were — birth of Christ,

2 By whom announced? by an Angel,

3 To whom? the shepherds — to all men,

4 The multitude of the heavenly host — made up probably of Saints & Angles

III Notice this as being an event of no ordinary interest. 1 Christ the sub. of promise, 2 name of the Prophets, 3 Fulfillment of Prophecy, as to time, tribe, place.

IIII Why good tidings? 1 It was peace on earth, 2 Only hope of fallen men,

3 To all. and consequently for all,

"The wages of sin, is death" Rom. 6–23
introduce the subject by defining the term
"Sin" – a voluntary transgression of the divine
law – as says John,
"The law consists of requirements and
prohibitions
Gods prerogative to require or prohibit,
grows out of the relations he sustains
to us, of Creator – preserver, and –
Redeemer,
A proclamation of that kind by divine authority
is sufficient to render it binding,
In the text the wages of sin is spoken of, as
tho man was hired to commit sin and
paid for it,
By wages we mean that given or received
in return for service rendered, – the fruits
or results of any course of Conduct
Sin the cause of death – temporal spiritual
and eternal, we notice for the present
only the latter, this may be termed the
wages of sin in its final & eternal
results, – we are aware that this kind of
preaching is not pleasant, but it is
nevertheless needful,

Now what is implied in this death,
I sin. 2 Sin unpardoned - light was
given - light abused - offers were made
offers were rejected - Sin was preferred
to holiness, hell to heaven, &c
It implies a close of probation, all
have fail - removed from earth -
left of heaven - banished from
God - absence of all good - presence
of all evil - to be tormented - the
remembrance of the past - painful
regrets - the thought of offers made
& what we might have been - our
companions - positive infliction of
pain, - And all this Eternal,

December 9 - 1852,

This is Thursday evening 8 o'clock - the past day
has buried its thousands to eternity - some -
were prepared - and are safely & quietly
reposing in "Abrahams bosom" with the
rude storms of life are o're - others ! ! ! ever
were unprepared - and are now the victims
of pain and anguish indescribable, sin unpar-
doned - light rejected - heaven refused - Go in the
Probation ended - and now - Eternal death is theirs!

"I am doing a great work," &c

Make an introduction by ref. to the circumstances giving rise to the text, Nehemiah in a distant land mourns over the desolations of Jerusalem & the temple — obtains leave to return — rebuild &c — is busily employed at it & when messages are sent to him which induced the answer in the text,

Apply this to the christian, he is doing a great work,

II. In saving his own soul, — great means employed on behalf of the soul, God & holy Angels engaged for it, — heaven above and the Church on earth engaged for it, and rejoice over the conversion of a soul, — it will require the light of eternity to unfold the magnitude of this work,

III. In diminishing the amount of moral evil in the world, as one Sinner destroys much good — so one christian destroys much evil, — he no longer sins himself, and he influences others to cease from it, — in his daily life he shows the beauty of holiness &c.

IIIII In alleviating the sorrows of earth – a true friend to man is the Christian – an angle of mercy is he,

IV In saving the souls of others – especially those committed to his care, as children companions – those friends dearer in our company –

V But in doing this work – (which is including all of us) there are many impediments – much opposition – from what source – in what form &c. The Christian must be firm, watchful &c

Emanuel, "God with us"

Introduce the subject by ref. to sig of such names

I man

II "God with us" (i.e. man) what a disparity! how vile – how interesting

1 In providence, – general – particular,

2 By his incarnation – he assumes our nature, is manifest in the flesh, made in likeness of sinful men – not that he was a sinner either as to original sin or actual transgression – but in regard to many innocent infirmities 3 With us by holy Love,

4 "With us" amid the sufferings of life,

5 With us in death,

6 We shall be with him,

we are confident, I say, and willing rather &c

Exordium, The Apostles not only ambassadors for Christ, but the subjects of his grace, proving in their own experience, living — suffering — and dying, the power of the gospel to bless & save. They were not light houses standing on the shore, not mere pointers or references to the right way, but guides through the wilderness pilots o're the dark deep of time.

II Pauls definition of death — in the text "to be absent from the body" in other places, "the time of my departure is at hand" he calls it a "sleep" — "Dissolving" of the "tabernacle" "being unclothed" "giving up the ghost" &c hence we infer.

1st That the Soul is immaterial — does not die with the body — does not go into the grave — may live in a disembodied state &c.

2nd Look now on the sad picture of a body from which the immortal part is "absent" — what a change! the casket is broken — the tree sapless — the spirit flown.

"Absent from the body"

III. Pauls feelings in view of departing not unwilling to die – most men are they cling to earth & life, – think they will live a long time, – keep death at a distance – Paul not merely willing or resigned to death, as many in great pain or deep distress, but he preferred it, and why?

IIII. Many reasons, 1st his was a body of pain – Sub to affliction – it was mortal – a temporary abode – was a clog a weight, – he could only while in it see through a glass darkly, &c

2 But his work was done – and well done,

3 "To be present with the Lord," why? because he loved him – how natural to want to be with those we love – but he once hated Christ, 4 Desired to secure his salvation ends the conflict, 5 He desired heaven – its rest – home – its society for which he is now ripe – Jesus was there the Patriarchs – Prophets – his fellow Disciples – Stephen was there,

he desired the vision of heaven, the joy — the knowledge & in view then of these things he was willing rather to be absent from the body!!

"They hated me without a cause, John 15—25

Christ refers here to the Jews, who hated him & their treatment of him & his — their hatred — how natural for all men to love evil and hate good

The Jews not only had no just cause to hate Christ but there were many and strong reasons why they should have loved him;

1 He was of their own nation — tribe — and kindred — he also grew up among them, — was in relations obedient to his parents, — his moral character unimpeachable.

2 His deeds of mercy.

3 He came in the order of prophecy born at the time and in the place predicted, & Old Testament testimony concerning him.

He is hated at this day without a

causes - not known on the same every
not carried to the same extent but
the feeling is there - what could have
caused him what had he not
done to make us angry?
Christs forbearance toward those that
hate him & the effect this has
upon them, the end of those that
hate him.

1. In Adam all die, in Christ shall all live
II Physical death.
1st A consequence of the Adamic transgression
2nd A Separation of Soul and body,
3rd Needed by all,
4th Comon to all. But the resurrection,
is clearly taught in the word of God,
Some do not believe it, because they
cant understand it, this not a valid
objection, what can we understand?
Shall we believe nothing until we
can fully comprehend it? Surely this
will not do, Others contend for the
"germ" resurrection, i.e. that a new body
is raised up out of the old, but
we contend that it is the same body
the body that dead is raised, if not, it
cant with propriety be called a-
resurrection. Prove it,
1 From the old 2 From new testament
III. Every man in his own order,
1st Christ, 2nd They that are his, 3. The
wicked, each in his own order, each
will answer for himself,

H. that goeth forth and weepeth &c.
This text will apply with peculiar force to the
christian ministry.
He goes forth. - at his Lords biding -
forth from friends - from home - from
ease, comfort, and all probability of worldly
gain, he goes forth into the world - which
is compared to a field - he bears seed
most precious - which is gods word his own
precious truth - as he goes he sows - i.e.
preaches the gospel, which is received in
the hearts of the people broken up
and prepared for its reception by the
Spirit of God - some set may be made
here it may be to the Jews who had re-
turned from long captivity, sowing
the fields so long desolate sowing
perhaps all they have while they need
their children have need of it for present
use, they went forth then weeping in
seed time (precious seed because so scarce
and because all was at stake) but in harvest
they came rejoicing, bearing their sheaves
with them, the seed sown in tears -

hope has yielded a plentiful crop. how cheerful the song of the homebound reapers,

But why weeps the minister? some think it a mark of weakness - and a great estimation of unmanliness to weep, but "Jesus wept" and why may not his Servants weep?

1 He weeps because he feels insufficient for the work of himself he can do nothing, on contemplating the work, he trembling cries "who is sufficient for these things"? The work is great - the instrument feeble, he is not puffed up, in his own view, he is even more feeble than he is real. hence he weeps. 2 He weeps in view of the great responsibility resting on him, he is a Shepherd - a watchman, an embassador. O what important interests are committed to his keeping how much is expected and required at his hands, if unfaithful how awful the reckoning - if faithful how rich the reward.

3 Because fruit of his labor does not immediately appear - The Church is not stirred up - Souls are not converted - truly discouraging - but let him do his duty, taking the husbandman for an example, patience,

4. "He wept" because it is reasonable to infer that after all his toil and labor some will go to hell, yea, some who sat under the sound of his voice will weep and howl in an endless hell.

5. He weeped over the desolations of Zion - it is his birthplace - there dwell his best friends - his language is, "If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." "If I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth." His bosom swells too, with pious indignation toward those who wish evil to the church, or rejoice at her want of prosperity.

6. Like Paul of old he fears that after he has preached to others he may "become a castaway." This sends a dagger to his heart and plants a thorn in his side.

IIII. But he shall "come again." he has girded on the armour, nobly and long too, has he worn it, but he shall put it off again - often has he gone forth to a throne of grace in secret prayer, weeping sorely, but he returns rejoicing

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2 If he be an humble "Steward" he goes forth to his circuit - to him a new untried field one too fraught with danger. He goes among strangers the country is rough - climate sickly - he leaves friends and loved ones behind - these things have their influence & increase their pressure. He weeps & trembles as he pursues his lone journey, but in the strength of Israels God he goes - bearing precious seed he sows in tears - but his labors are blessed and he comes up to his conf, ~~rejoicing~~ at the end of the year rejoicing.

3 But he reaches his last ~~to~~ appointment ~~in the~~ ~~passage~~ ~~to~~ ~~him~~ He ascends the Pulpit, Preaches his last sermon - with weeping eyes he comes down from the pulpit. The farewell is spoken and now I see him, when all of labor and toil are over, - he "comes again" and now he rejoices - he lies on his death bed - the last convulsion is one - the last struggle has come - but he is ready - he dies in triumph & "Comes again" in the resurrection,

Presents received by myself & wife on Athens Circuit, 2nd Conf. year spent on the circuit 1852-3

Mrs Meathens 2 lbs wool	80
By Mrs Phillips	19
Mrs Fore	19
Rev M.M. Hames	3-0
By Mrs Balfour, 1 pair socks	25
By Sister Woods 1 pair gloves	20
By Mrs Church & McElwin, Webs Dictionary	6.00
By Sister Walker, pair legging worth some	75
By young Bro Walker 1 Picture	1.00
Donation by Bro J. Hydens School	4.20
By Charles King	2 00
Bro Hydens School	20
For Marrying Charles Matlock to Miss Louisa Howard	2 00
For Marrying Mr Walker to Miss Franklin	2.00
" " Dr. John Clementson to Mary Steed	5.00
By Bro J. Cox	25
By the Guthrie Family (of Hamilton Co.)	10.10
By Bro Quaker (of Bradley Co.)	50
By Mrs Taylor of Chattanooga.	
1 Table Linen	1.60
3 Yds Gingham	1.20
1 Shirt Pattern	1.35

By Miss Sidny A. Cleft of Chattanooga,	
4 1/2 Yds Cashmere Muslin	2,25
1 Linnen Lawn Handkerchief	1,00
3 " Cambrick Do —	2,25
3 Yds Lawn	75
1 Mourning Pin	2,00
By Margary. (a colored girl of Chatt)	
1 Bead Retícule worth perhaps	1,50
By Jane Lewis (a Colored woman of Chatt)	
6 1/2 Yds Calico	80
A Toy fruit basket for the Infant	25
By Mrs Anderson. (of Chatt)	75
By Mrs Lewis of Harrison	
1 1/4 Oil Calico	30
By Mrs Calaway	
2 Small Cups	20
A present ~~to~~	75
By Bro Bakers daughters	
1 Small pr Shoes.	30
Mr Moore	50
Collection at Moores	3,70
Mr. Bryant, for Marrying him.	2,00
Mr Brady " Do	1,00
Mr Carlock 50, Mr Moore 50 —	1,00

Mrs Balfour	1.00
Bro S. Eaby, (of Bradley Co)	2 00
Sister Eaby " " Mary Atkins,	25
Sister Woods do	50
Bro S. George	50
Mrs Nancy Fore	5.00
Bro James Dodd	1 00
Bro Zeigler	95
Bro David Hutsel	50
Bro John L. Bridges, 1 Hat,	5 00
Bro Lafayette Rice, 1 Pair Boots	5 00

I was born on the 16th of Oct 1818, in Green Co Tenn, my fathers name was James Daily, and my Mothers maiden name was Elizabeth Clinton, my father was a native of Virginia, my Mother of South Carolina,

When I was quite an infant my parents removed from Tenn to South Carolina, where they remained until I was, perhaps in my fifteenth year, living a portion of the time in York & a portion of the time in Chester District my father was a house-carpenter & followed his trade mostly, but his farming carried on by hired hands,

August 16th 1863. 'Tis night now, but no storm is on the sky— no lured lightning flashes— no thunder from afar echoes & reverberates from hill to hill, but still, it is night— solemn, quiet deathlike night. My thoughts —my mind, bedtime thoughts are retrospective. The past comes up, not the long, dim, & remotely past but the past of more recent date the past day, the day is past,— to return? no, never. its dangers— whatever they may have been are past— its privileges are passed, its opportunity for— doing & getting good are passed— many too, have gone— to the lonely grave, where there is no repentance— no work— no remembrance of God, the dreary regions of the dead, where all things are forgot, but what have I done? alas! but little if any good— true, I visited a sick & dying Servant, talked with her prayed with her, which was some benefit to me, and, I hope it did her no harm— found her calm— and full of faith in god,— I have prayed earnestly during the day, tried to examine myself & have formed fresh resolutions, to lead a more holy life, God forbid that I should live in vain,

Heb 11–24–25. By faith Moses &c.
Introduce the Subject, by Showing who
Moses was. – his birth – Remarkable –
preservation & adoption by the princess,
1. Self denial of Moses. – what he gave up
it was no small Sacrafice – he gives up
ease – honor – wealth – fame a Crown – a
kingdom who would be a Christian now
if in order thereto it were necessary to
make such a Sacrafice? all must
deny themselves if they would get to
heaven,
2 His choice, 1 To Suffer – 2 Affliction
3 With Gods people, – he chooses God and
his Service, he becomes the Companion
of Gods people. – tho they were greatly
depressed & sorely afflicted – he casts in
his lot with them – look at his firmness
& independance.
3 To what he preferred this – to the
pleasure of sin. 1 No real pleasure
in it – much as it is, it is of short
duration – but for a Season – to obtain
it the hazard is great, the loss sustained
is great – but at a high rate – for it

we barter peace of conscience — health — a good name — the esteem — the confidence of the good & true of earth, but worst of all, for the pleasure of sin we sell our souls to the Devil — look at a sinner on the brink of death he rouses up as from a deep sleep his life dreams & fancys are ended now, in a brief time the past & the present are surveyed, then he sees the value of time — make an illustration by a man who in a fit of drunkness has murdered his family, — the pleasures of sin will end awfully end — so will the Christians towards joyfully end, — with the one a long years of pleasure continues for a season to be followed by a long & dark night of weeping & wailing — with the other Sorrow may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning —

4 Notice his age

5 Principle that influenced him

What man is he that desireth life & loveth many days

1 The desire to life is natural, it is universal no matter how poor, wretched & afflicted man clings to life, as a drowning man to a wreck, – Self preservation the first law of nature – hence life must be valuable

2 The motive all desire life both good and bad, but from different motives, the wicked desire life 1 Because they fear to die,

2 They are attached to this world, they love to make property – to lay up – to eat to drink – they love earths pleasures & pursuits, hence they would like long but not to see God,

3 The Christian desires life – not for fear of death or love of the world – but they would see God, – not unlike good old Simeon – they desire to obtain more grace to themselves – they desire to see their children converted to God – to see souls converted to God – the Church enlarge her borders – a revival of God's work,

4 How secured, 1 By ordering our conversation aright 2 Departing from evil, 3 doing good, 4 seeking peace & pursuing it,

O precious precious day o dear
That brings us to our Spirit home,
Where without a Sigh or Tear,
We'll stand rejoicing round the throne
Now we're on a troubled Ocean,
Where the tempest rages loud,
Where the scenes of wild commotion
Often do our minds becloud,
Our "Fatherland" is far away,
Tempt a dark and fearful river,
Yet all adieu! we cannot stay
Who fondest sweetest cords we sever
Adieu Friends upon the distant Shore.
Beloved ones we cant forget.
Then waft ye winds & bear us o're
That we our long lost friends may meet
We'll meet them on the hills of heaven
Where balmy zephyrs ever play
Where those that love, will ne'er be riven
But live and sing through endless day.
Cleveland Tenn Nov 1st 1854.

Journal of my Itineracy continued.

In the Fall of 37, having spent two years on the Cleveland circuit, years of much peace & some success. I went in company with J. B. Andrew (that Prince of Bishops) to Athens Tenn. the seat of our Conference, having him in my Buckboard, I found him a delightful traveling companion. I reached Quinby Conf. at Bro J. M. McSpadens, had for my room mates R. A. Gibbons, J. M. Bonsfield & C. Godby, held our Sessions in the Presbyterian Church, members of Conf mostly in attendance, we had so far as I now (1856) recolect a pleasant time nothing occuring out of the ordinary line, only our dear Bro W. G. Cunningham (of Emory Oak) was appointed to the China Mission, his farewell remarks to the Conf, were appropriate & affecting, I was apointed to the Charge of Athens circuit, the town of Athens then being in the circuit, there being no such thing as a Parsonage on the circ, after casting about for a time, I rented a house of Esqr. Anderson near the Cedar Springs. for which I paid him twelve Dollars a year, a comfortable house, in a good community, During this year we

received into the church on Trial One hundred & fifty, into Full fellowship twelve, by Letter fine, One hundred and forty two Conversions, in our Conf. ~~year~~ This fall met in Asheville N. C. I took with me my wife and youngest child (Nancy Elizabeth), We were much interested with the romantick scenery on French Broad River, lofty Mountains, towering rocks & dashing, foaming waters, Spent Sabath on the way at "Warm Springs," we Boarded during Conf. with Bro Dunns family, who made us quite comfortable, Asheville is a delightful town, quite elevated, & Surrounded by a fine mountain scenery, it has many good buildings, both public & private, it's also a place of wealth, taste & refinement, our Conf. was Sumptuously entertained, Bishop Harris presided at this Conf., (which was his last visit to Holston, he has since gone to his reward) we had rather a stormy Session, one talented young minister (S. G. A.) was expelled from the Church on grave charges, he pleaded his own cause with ability, but to no purpose,

Dr Leightman Editor of the Southern Christian
Advocate, attended this conf, and made a fine
impression on preachers & people, he is decidedly
a talented man & I should not be surprised
were he one day to be elevated to the
Bishop's chair, From this conf Bro.
J. C. Pondegrass was transfered to the
Pacific conf in California, I was reappointed
to Athens circuit, but before going
back to my work, we made a visit
to South Carolina, my second year
on Athens cir, passed of pleasantly, we
occupied the same house rent free, my
appointments were as follows, Athens,
Matlocks Chapple, Rehoboth, Pleasant Spring,
Cedar Springs, Sweany's X. Roads, Thorn Hill,
Pine Grove, Alfred Swafford's, Jones
Chapple, Bakers M. H. Old Salem,
Evans' Chapple, Cane Creek, & Allgoods
we had some conversions & additions
to the church, it was during this
year August 23rd 53, that our
third child Mattie this is was born,
Conf met this Fall (53) at Murphreesboro,

I left my family & my mother & Mississippi Co. where they remained until near the close of conf. when my Brethren had brought them to Wytheville. I boarded at the Bonds with the family of Mr. Morrison, the Parchments of Bro. S. & A. were restored, Bishop Paine presided, I was appointed to Cleveland circuit for the third time, before leaving Wytheville Bishop Paine Baptized our little boy Oct 22nd 1853. we went on from Conf. to Newburn. & on Sabbath heard Bishop Paine preach an able sermon at the dedication of their new, and handsome Church, Monday were Snowbound, Tuesday, we went to Mr. Sledges in Floyd Co, and to neighbour Y's my Fatherinlaw, next day we went to Mr. Wiles Brothers in Dadsonville, where we remained several days. and then set out for Cleveland. In the mean time the Brethren on the Cleveland circuit had provided a comfortable Parsonage into

which we were inducted in due time, I might say with Some propriety This year was the "beginning of trouble" with me, on account of a Complicated, agravating, & almost endless Church trial, which I, as Preacher in Charge had to attend to, it was in The Cleveland Society, The parties were a man & his wife of the one part, and a widow woman of the other, The difficulty originated while Bro' Goodyknontz was on the cir, a year perhaps (or near that) before I took charge of the work, Bro G. had made an effort to reconcile the belligerents partialy Succeeded for a time, but the flame soon broke out with fresh virulence and raged with great fury, So I found it on taking charge of the cir, The parties were near neighbours, each had Several Children who of course joined in with their parents, each parties too had their friends "aiders & abettors" So that the fiery circle widened & drew many on both sides until the thing took on

extensive & fearfully desolating range, The matters in dispute were various & many of the items were childish & ridiculous such as throwing down & putting up fences, forbidding that each should walk on the others land, leaving away the crossing from over a small mill race, throwing bricks in the pathway, throwing calves over the fence, digging logs, and many things too tedious to mention, as cats, hogs, Horses, chickens, geese, Horses running away with the wagon, &c with reels of talk, of what this one said & what that one said & what the other one said & to be sure it was a mess, not fit for the Court House much less the Church, add to all this the parties were all high tempered & all gifted with the gab, the thing had run on a long time I was compelled to bring it into the Church, I allowed each to prefer charges against the other & there was a fine stirring of them, I selected

a committee of 5 Judicious Brethern from
different parts of the circuit, we had a publick
trial & were at it Some three days
the trial was exciting, boisterous &
disgraceful, each party took every
possible advantage of the other, I
did all that prudence required or permitted
to keep order, but only succeeded in
a degree, I could always quell, but in
a moment the fire of hate would break
out again, The result of the whole
was that after as full and as fair
an investigation as was possible to have
under the circumstances, both parties
were found guilty of highly improper
conduct in several points, but it
was thought by Committee that the faults
were not of so aggravating a nature
but what the offenders, on making
suitable acknowledgments might
be borne with & retained in the
Church, hence with much ado, the
Committee, required them to make
some acknowledgements & promises, tho

they were all exceedingly stubborn & were only induced to make the concessions they did when they said that nothing else would keep them in the Church But as the Committee (& myself too) thought the Law was not in the case & we disliked exceedingly to lose any of them out of the Church, they were retained, * In the whole matter I tried as Chairman & as the Churches representative to act impartially & to have Justice done on both sides, I tried to act in the fear of God, & think I had an eye to his glory & the good of his cause tho I had much to-day, me was often vexed, fretted & manifested no doubt some impatience and the aiming to do right I may have erred, some things I have ever regretted 1st That the trial was alowed to be publick & 2nd That that the witnesses, were all alowed to be present at once, So far as showing partiality was concerned, I know not that I

felt any, but if there was on my part any feeling of the sort, it related not so much to the persons as to their actions, but I certainly showed manner favor to one than another in the trial, men of judgment who looked on were not able to detect any partiality in my administration, and as a further evidence both parties accused me of partiality & treated me with some degree of coolness ever after. I saw clearly that both parties were to blame in many respects & frequently told them so, By the above Church trial I made some bitter & life-time enemy & my peace was to some extent marred, for I was not accustomed to such muddy & stormy water, my itinerant voyage having been for the most part delightfully smooth, more of this anon. Aside from the above matter I had a tolerably pleasant year of it, only I had to do a good deal of

and begging to get Junds to finish
our Cleveland Church. I succeeded
pretty well & consequently we got
our Church fitted up in Something
like respectable Style by Conf.
In the Spring of this year I went
to Nashville & Spent a few days quite
pleasantly renewing some old & forming some
new acquaintances & seeing the
sights in and about the "City of
Rocks" My appointments on the Cir
were as Folows, Cleveland, Sidons Chapl,
Swishers, Weshyanna, Laurel Hill,
Kellys Chapl, Red Hill, Sugar-
Creek, Carpenters, Keiths S. H, Liberty,
Bethel, Salem, Prices Chapl, and
Mount Pleasant
Conf. met this year at Cleveland,
the burden of Slaving away the Preachers
their horses devolved on me & it was no
light one, I envy not the Preacher on
whom such duty devolve;
Bishop J. A. Pierce presided, it was his
first effort in capacity of presiding Bishop.

having but recently been made Bishop, but he got along with his duty much to the satisfaction of Preachers and people, while his pulpit labours captivated all, he is an able and popular Minister, "his praise is in all the churches" while his fame is almost worldwide,

At this conf, we had General visiting brethren, viz, Dr McFerrin of Nashville, Dr Naylor, our China missionary, Bro Myers, Editor of Southern Christain Advocate, &c also Bros Payne & Fullwood, & Pickford of Ga conf, these Brethren all did us good Service in the way of Preaching &c It was at this conf, after a good deal of debating & some sharp shooting the conf, consented to abandon the further publication of The Holston Christain Advocate, and merge it into the Nashville Christain Advocate, — during conf, Bro E. F. Sevier — Preached the funeral of J. Patton, who had died during the year,

At this conf, I was reappointed to the charge of Cleveland cir, which made the fourth time in Six years, Bro E. J. Pope was appointed to travel with me, It was his -

first year in the Ministry, I found him to be quite a pleasant traveling companion, and much of a gentleman, during this year the old half healed difficulty which had given me so much trouble, the previous year broke out afresh. The case was laid before a committee, who after hearing the testimony on both sides, & considering the case, turned them all out of the Church. I had as little to do in the case as possible, knowing that both parties had charged me with partiality, entertained ill feelings towards me, & looked with an eye of suspicion on all I did. I had the Junior Preacher to select the committee. I said nothing during the investigation to which any exceptions could be taken, & when committee retired to make up their decision I refused to go with them, when the decision of the committee was announced two of the persons appealed to Quarterly Conf. which Conf. sent it back to be tried by the whole Church. I declined setting as Chairman & Bro Mimms took my place,

the result was. one was expelled again (Wiedon Straley) and the other (John Wood) was restored to the church, the expelled appealed again to the ensueing quarterly conf. which conf. affirmed the decision of the church so the matter ended. This fall conf. met at Jonesboro Bishop Pane in the chair, I boarded at Dr Jennings, visiting Preacher Dr Scholes was Secretary, & A. R. Erwin of McKendree charge Nashville, I was appointed to Tazwell Station 1855-6 went on to my work. Preached twice, came back for my family took them up. The station consisted of two apointments Tazwell & Sharps 17 miles apart. I took my family to the Sharp neighborhood, where at the house of old Widow Sharps ~~was~~ I spent most of the winter. we had a comfortable room to ourselves, we did not keep house during the winter we had a revival at Sharps M. H. in which 45 professed religion & 30 Joined the church altogether during the year. about 50 made a profession of religion, 30 Joined on Probation

Some 26 were received into full fellowship,
and 8 or 10 by letter one expelled
& some few dropped (Probationers)
In the Spring I took my family to
town, where they spent the balance of
the year boarding about among the
members two and three weeks at
a place. This was a little troublesome
but the people prefered it, & we got
along quite pleasantly, we made during
the year many friends & no enemys so
far as I know. — In the Spring we visited
some of our relations in Va. during which
trip I preached 8 times, at different places
During the year I preached about 80 times
on my Station and some 20 times
at other places —
Rev J. M. Kelly P. E. of Rockcastle
Dist. lived at Jasper, he died during
the year, in great peace
We enjoyed fine health all the year,
Besides boarding my family the
Station paid me $2.75 00
We left the Station Oct 5th and came

on to my Father in laws in Roan Co
Tenn where we remained until Conf, the
Sabath previous to Conf. I spent at London
assisting Bro' Stringfield in his Quar
meeting,

Oct 22nd 1856

Conf met at Knoxville Tenn, Bishop
Andrew in the chair, Preachers mostly
in attendance. 4 had died during the
year viz Mc Kenson, Akin, Keener &
Kelly, visiting Brethren Dr Stephenson
Gen Book Agt, Dr Hamilton Genl
Sec, Dr L. M. Lee Editor of Richmond
Christian Advocate, and Bishop John
Early of Va, at this conf, I was
quite busy, too much so to attend
the State Agricultural Fair which was in
progress, or the Deaf & dumb asylum
to both of which the Preachers, as
a conf, were invited,
At this Conference I was appointed
Presiding Elder of the Jonesboro Dist.
have not yet entered on my work,

Nov 10th 1856.

1856 Nov 22nd Comenced my first quarterly meeting for the Jonesboro District, in the town of Jonesboro Tenn, on Sat at 11 o'clock preached, met quarterly, in the afternoon 4 or 5 present, Bro A. N. Harris preached at night, preached at 11 on Sabath, and administered Sacrament of Lords Supper, Bro' D. Sullins preached in the evening to Colored people, to whom I gave the Sacrament, at night preached on Repentance, meeting closed.
May second Q. M. was on Elizabethton Cir, failed to reach it, various hinderances such as great rains, sick horse, moving my family &c.
Dec 6-7, Quarterly meeting at Taylorsville, Bro Copeland from Elizabethton Cir was with me, held meeting in the Court House, people turned pretty well, one joined by letter, weather cold, put up at Alex Smiths, closed on Monday night, hope good was done,

Dec 13-14. Held q. m. for Watauga Mission, in N. C. at Center, N. C. on Watauga River, Stopped with Bro' Henry Taylor, a kind heart has he, the weather cold, fire smoke filled the house, had to throw fire out in the yard both day, Bro' Cole a Local P. & Bro Woodard of the Taylorsville Cir was with us, but few turned out, the most of whom were Lutherns, the worst type of them, it was ever my ill fortune to meet with, full of bitter prejudice against the Methodists, would not commune with us, only 7 souls took Sacrament, a dull prospect.

Dec 20-21st Held q. m. for Jonesboro Cir. at Speedwell, a neat, new, log, house, Stayed most of the time with old Bro' Walter, Bro Wm Robinson, Preacher in charge was with us, also the Bro's Harris, & Dr Reed, so we did not lack for Preachers,—the weather quite unfavourable, not a great many in

attendance, no one joined, no one was converted, how far the church was built up, and to what extent good impressions were made on the minds of sinners I know not, wound up on Monday with Love feast & Sermon, May the Lord bless the effort, in the advancement of his cause,

Dec 27–28. Held quarterly meeting for Salt Branch cir. at Bartolus N. H. preached 3 times, some mourners were forward to be prayed for, a few joined, left the meeting in progress, but no mighty works were done,

Jan 3 & 4, 1857 Held qr. m. for Wheelock cir. at Pleasant Hill. There I met many old acquaintances to whom I had preached, & with whom I labored & rejoiced years ago, They have a good frame building in which to worship God, the people came out kindly, we had a good meeting, many were stirred up, & I trust the

Church was much revived, I preached three times, with some liberty on my part, & seeming good effect on the people. I Baptized 10 children,

Jan 16 & 17, Held 4 day meeting for St Clair Cir, at Bries Chapel, on Lick Creek, Bro J. B. Carter in charge of Cir, the weather cold, people turned out pretty well, but rather dry meeting

Jan 17 & 18, Held 4 day meeting for Greenville Cir, at Bethesda a meeting house comfortable for age but nothing else that I could see, exceedingly awkward in its construction, built in one corner, I preached all day both Sat & Sabath, about 30 came out on Sabath, we went through the usual services, but it was a cold & uncomfortable time,

Jan 24-25 was the time appointed for Bro P. M. to preach it on account of cold & snow,

Thursday July 2nd 1857. Left home in the morning rode to Bremen. Stopped at Bro Howards, stayed a few hours, got dinner & went on to Amos Lot Speichs. enroute for the Newport Qr meeting.

Friday July 3rd Rose refreshed, but the sun was up before me, I am not an early riser, would that I were I would by now have been wiser, holier, & more useful, ah! and more healthful & vigorous, much of my precious time has run to waste, I've slept away many a golden hour,

At family Prayer Baptized an interesting infant Amos Watson Lot Speich, I love to Baptize infants, (eating the cross) I feel like I am doing Gods Service, may Heaven bless all thus dedicated, Breakfast over I was off all alone, stopped at Farrotsville Spent a few hours & took dinner Bro' Mc Nabb, Bro. J. Hilburn of Newport cir. met me there & we went on to Newport, Spent the night there with Dr

Rankins family, an interesting family may they all be Saved in Heaven at last, Newport is rather an unsightly place, it lies on the bank of the French Broad river, tall cedar clad hills look down on the unpretending village from all sides, Cedar trees and Limestone rocky abound.

Sat July 4th Memorable day! what a proud day for americans! Many thousands will assemble to day, the "Declaration of Independance" will be read from many a rostrum, Suitable addresses will be delivered, while many a costly spread table will groan beneath the fruits of the land, remenisences of the past will come up, of British opression, of the Infant, Struggling, groaning Colonies, of the great resolve to be free, of the uprising of the insulted colonists, of the long, fearful Struggle of the bloody battles of Bunkers Hill, of Brandywine, of Trenton &c. To day, a Thousand Banners will float in the soft winds, to day

the national heart will throb stronger & faster, a brighter glow will spread over the national face & a brighter light will flash from the nations broad eye. It is another anniversary of Freedom, let the people be glad & let them in song & shout, and grateful Prayer express to the Giver of Freedom Something of the gratitude of the greatest nation on which the Sun ever shined

In company with some good brethren over hill & river, some 7 miles hence we found Roadmans Chapel, a neat, new framed church, where the 3rd Q. M. for Newport cir was to be held, Preached at 11. Oclock. on the "Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ,

Held Conf. immediately after meeting, took dinner at Bro Murrels, Bro. Milburn Preached at night & 11 mourners came to the Altar to be Prayed for, Sun July 5th Prayer meeting at half past 9. Preached at 11. to a

large, attentive & deeply affected audience,
after Preaching administered Sacrament
of The Lords Supper, had a weeping, shouting
time, my subject for the day was
the Transfiguration of Christ,
In the evening Bro Milburn Preached again
I dined at Sister Wells a lovely widow
her husband was a methodist local
Preacher & died a few years ago in the
State of Illinois, whither he had moved
with his family, God bless the
dear woman & her pleasant little
family, She is an intelligent &
pious woman
Monday July 6th Prayer meeting at
7, followed by Preaching, text, "Hast thou
Considered my Servant Job?" had a
good meeting, I Joined the M. E.
Church South, went to Mr Lewises
for dinner, had Prayers & no
company with Bro' Milburn came
on to old Bro Swagerty's 2 miles
from Portotsville, he is 84 years
old, is rich, has his third wife,

who is, much of a Lady. I should say, I was raised in Lexington Va. They are both religious & seem to live happily & certainly plentifully. The old Bro' presented me with three dollars in money before leaving, God bless them & spare them long to the Church,

Tues July 7. Came home, found all well, my children were watching the road for me as they often do, & came, gleeful & bounding to meet me. Thank God for all his goodness to me & mine,

The corn crop looks promising, & if the season continues good must be abundant. oats look good also, but the wheat crop now being harvested; is the finest I ever saw. It is a lovely sight to see the golden fields waving in the Summer wind, May the people be thankful, and render henceforth to God the things that are his,

Jan 8th 1858,

Conf met at Marion Va Oct 23rd 1857,
Bishop John Early of Lynchburg, presiding, he
is a man of age, & great energy, as well
as deep, unadulted piety, dispatches conf
business tolerably fast, but upon the
whole, is not as popular with our
Conf as some others of our Bishops,
At this Conf I was reappointed to
the charge of Conestoga District
Moved my family to Greenville Tenn,
where we are now living, occupying
the Circuit Parsonage,
My first Quarterly meeting was for
the Conestoga Station, Dec 5th & 6th 1857,
the rain fell in torrents, which
operated to some extent against our
meeting, Our Presbyterian friends
were with us as they always are on
such occasions in Conestoga, their
eolent Pastor Mr Wells was
with us on Saturday & Sabath he
could not be with us at night owing
to family affliction, Rev C W Dickey
is in charge of the Station, The people

are much pleased with him, both as a Preacher & a Pastor, he too, seems quite well pleased with his new Charge, may Pastor & Flock be mutually & greatly blessed and prospered.

Dec 12–13 Held Quarterly Meeting for Conesboro Cir, at Oak Grove, the people turned out pretty well on Sabbath especially, meeting was protracted until Tuesday night, several penitents were from time to time at the altar to be Prayed for, three or four converted, & God's people were much refreshed. Bill Brigmand, is in charge of the Cir, than whom a better man would be hard to find, he is a good Preacher, and comes as near doing the whole work of a Methodist Preacher as the next man, may he long live to labour in the Lord's vineyard and at last come again rejoicing, having his sheaves with him. I look for a prosperous year on Jonesboro Cir, Amen.

Elizabethton circuit, is served the present year by Rev C K. Stradley, he has a wife and two Children, a woman who submits with cheerfulness to the toil, harship, and privation connected with the Itinerancy Mr Stradly is the Son of a Baptist Preacher, came to us himself from the Baptist Church, was immersed consequently, but now is rather on the other extreme, he is an Englishman by birth, having been born in the world's great Metropolis the city of London, He is a man of the right Stamp, his heart is much in the work, and with his good Sense, his Preaching ability, his true piety & burning Zeal he cannot fail I think to be useful!

Our first Q M, for the above Cir was held Dec 19–20th it was protracted for a week & resulted in some few Conversions, while some backsliders were happily reclaimed May the Lord greatly bless the ch!

from Elizabethton, on Christmas day, with clouds above & snow beneath, solitar & alone I rode on toward Taylorsville, Night at night with Bro Shown, who on Sat morning went on with me to my meeting at Jay Corneille, Bro J. L. Paine had charge of the circuit the present year, with whom the people are very well pleased, He is a man in middle life, good looking, sings well, prays with much power and is quite an acceptable preacher. Closed meeting on Tuesday night in Jay Corneille, & Joined the church, one of whom was a Baptist,

Held Quarterly meeting for the Watauga Mission, at Bowers S. H. Jan 2-3rd 1855, weather favourable, people turned out freely, among them however were a great many Baptists, who have so much prejudice against the Methodists that it is almost impossible to reach them, much less effect them, upon the

in here however we had a comfortable meeting Sunday. I trust was a profitable day, we had a charming Love Feast at 9 o'clock, preached at 11. during the Sermon many wept freely, we then had Sacrament broke up at Sunday night. Could not well continue as a School is taught in the house. I am opposed to uniting Meeting & School houses,

It was the first day of Jan 1858, the ushering in of a new year, a bright and beautiful day, as heart could wish, I had dined with a good Brother, in connexion with a few friends, a few hours were Spent in Social and religious conversation, then I read the 90th Psalm, Sung a few appropriate verses, and offered a Prayer, I felt my heart grow warm and soft while thus engaged, and for one felt it good to be there, Alone then, I started on a ride of eleven miles to my next quarterly meeting, not quite alone either, for I had in my hand a volume of Sermons, the production of young Spurgeon of London, I had some

curiosity, I promised myself some pleasure, and was not without hope of being edified, in reading those Sermons, and in these calculations I have not been disapointed, tho I find some things quite objectionable, especialy to an armenian,

But as good or ill luck would have it, I was not suffered to go far alone, for I was soon joined by a Brother of the Baptist faith, a member of the So called, The Church, he was fresh from a protracted meeting of his church, full of zeal, quite loquacious, and with more of charity seemingly than is usual from that source, His old time sack-bags lay in a horizontal position and seemed well filled, he was carful to tell me, that they contained nothing but "Spun cotton" on we rode, talking of the meeting he had just left, and about this & the other minister soon we were joined by two others of the same "Yan'te ond order" a man and his wife, each

riding on a Sack of meal, I wished to be getting
better acquainted with Spurgeon so I read aloud
for a time, but my travelling companions were
too full of themselves and the meeting
in question, to be patient hearers even
when Spurgeon spoke, so I desisted, and
only silently snatched a crumb now and
then from my volume, But hold! we
are at that important and imposing
place called a "Toll gate", as the
road was out of repair, we found the
chain down, as good as to say, "we don't
charge any thing now" (nor do they
require ministers to pay at any time),
However, out rolled a lank Specimen
of humanity, looking waggish & Scottish, a
youth too, and by no means of prepossessing
appearance, (eating the fact which
seemed to stand out in bold relief,
that he had recently been cultivating
rather too familiar an acquaintance
with Mr Ale-Joyful we halted, said I
"Do we owe you any thing?" "Not a d—d—
cent" said he, I asked no further question

glad to make my escape from this Den of Belial, I rode on with my unsophisticated companion, who in decided terms soon expressed their dis-aprobation with regard to the young mans language, one remarked however, rather by way of excuse for him, "ah! he was drunk!" "Yes" said the old Lady (who seemed to be somewhat knowing) "but whats in a man when he is sober will come out of him when he is drunk" true, thought I, and no doubt but many get drunk that they may let out their superabundance of corruption. I am glad however that the law holds men accountable for what they do when drunk as well as when they are sober.

Jan 9-10th Held quarterly meeting at Wheatown Ten; P.M. Crismond from Jonesboro Ark was with us, and did good service, The people turned out well — were quite attentive & serious, on Lords morning we had a good love feast,

Sin against the Holy ghost,
1st Attributing our Saviours power in working Miracles, to his concorion with Satan,
2d I Should think, for an enlightned man to deny the existence of the holy ghost, would be Sinning against it.
3d To deny the equality of the holy ghost with the Father, and the Son, is to Sin against it.
4th To make light of his work on the human heart in its regeneration, is to Sin against it.
5th To deny our conversion as Some do, as we conceive, is to Sin against it,
6 To quench, it we Should think, a Sin against it,

Books read from last of Oct 1858, to the 11th of March 1859. 1 Early Times in midle Tennesee, 2 Life of Bishop Capers, 3 Stephens Hist of methodism, 4 Young Ladies counsellor, 5 Mormon, 6 Natural Laws of man, 7 Life of mrs Norton, 8 Apostate meth Preacher, 9 Life & Times of asbury, 10 Land & Book" 2 Vols

June 16-17th 1858 Held quarterly meeting for Tall Branch circuit at Rock Spring. Bro Willis Ingle is in charge of the work, I took him to be about 40 years old or 45 at most but he informs me he is 53, He has been Preaching about 30 years, & about 18 of that time in the Itinerancy, He is a man of pleasing manners, in appearance prepossessing, & voice of musical tones, and withall gifted in Speech & a Preacher of no mean ability.
At this meeting I was much afflicted with cold, tho I preached on Saturday & Sabbath preaching the funeral of Sister Eliza Jane Jones on Sabbath, The people by day & by night, turned out finely,
I left the meeting in progress on Monday & went to see the preacher on St Clair Cir, who is quite ill with fever, I found him better, and I hope he may yet well & do many a year of faithful preaching for God and the church. He is a young man just entering the field of ministerial toil, (Bro J Malair) Heaven spare him,

Jan 23rd In company with Bro John Pogue, I went to the village of St Clair, found a neat church in a grove hard by the village, The people were in waiting & I commenced immediately, Preached from "Except ye be converted and become as little children &c the warm tear I could from many an eye, took dinner at Bro Kings (a Local Preacher) Quarterly Conf met at 3 Oclock,

On Sabath I Preached from the "Lord Prayer" but was far from satisfying myself, had a good time at Sacrament, O what an interesting, and Solem Scene! Surely it can never fail to result in good more or less. to Saint & Sinner, — Bro Pogue has Preached on Sat night, Bro Crawford, (a cumberland Presb) exhorting after him, Bro L. L White Preached Sunday night, Monday at 9. had Love Feast, Preached at 11 Oclock, & closed meeting, It was a meeting of only ordinary interest,

The years 1857 & 8 I Spent on The Jonesboro Distri-
-ct, It consists of the following apointments which constitute
my charge, Viz, Jonesboro Station, Jonesboro circuit,
Elizabethton cir, Taylorsville cir, Watauga mission,
Rheatown cir, Fall Branch cir, St Clair cir,
Greenville cir, and Newport cir, making in all
10 apointments, Spreading over a large & to some
extent rough teritory. in passing round my field
of labour I have Some Cedyroads & wild mountains,
but some fine Scenery here & there, During my first
year on Jonesboro District I missed two of
my quarterly meetings on account of Sick
horse one. The one case & intolerably Severe
weather in the other, my Second year I
missed 5 apointments on account of Typhoid
Fever, this I took on the 12th of Feb 1858, and
was confined to my room Some 5 weeks.

Oct 6th 1858.

Conference met at Chattanooga Ten. first
tried veteran of the cross. Bishop Andrew,
presided, There were present as visitors, McTyre
Editor of Nashville christian Advocate, J. B. McFerrin
General Book agt, W. C. Johnston of Ten
Conf, with Brothers Pitchford, Simons,
Dickey &c from Ga Conf, My wife was—

with me at this conf, and this was quite a treat to her, as it was in Chattanooga she spent her first year in the Itinerancy, we met with many old friends, But ten or twelve years brings with them many a change! Death and Sorow, time, ease & toil make their mark, During conf, we found a pleasant home in Bro' Lea's family, From this conf, I was reappointed to the Jonesboro District,

At the close of conf, my wife & self went on to Nashville, where we spent near a week quite pleasantly, in renewing acquaintances formed long years ago, and in forming new ones, while at Nashville we visited Bishop Joshua Soyle at his residence 7 miles from the city, we found him quite feable, had been chilling, was then lying down, but he conversed quite freely, on various subjects, he is a venerable man indeed, near 80 years old, has Preached according to his own statement, in every State in the union, as well as in most

of the territory, He has Preached in —
England, Ireland & France, But,
his work is about done, He is Just
ripening for the Skys, He will soon
be gone, I shall never see him again —
in this life, but hope to see him in
Heaven, While at Nashville we made
our home mainly with John M Hunters
family, in Edgefield,

Jan 1st 1859. Left 9 M. Fraikers in the morning for Fall Branch, where I was to hold 9 M, Bro F, accompanied me, At 11 o'clock Preached from 90th Psalm, 12th verse, which I deemed appropriate to the occasion, Put up at old Mr Vincents, in the evening held quarterly conf,

Sun Jan 2nd A good congregation and like Saturday a fair day, Preached with some liberty on the Lords Prayer, and administered Sacrament of Lords Supper, Dined at Dr Colwells,

Monday, Jan 3rd Fine Love Feast in the morning, Preached at 10½ on Birth of Christ, Close meeting, got dinner, bought a Buggy of Joseph Vincent, and went on, to Bro Fraikers + spent the night,

Tues Jan 4th A fair day, quite cool in the morning, light Snow Monday night, came home to Greenville,

Thursday Jan 4th Spent at home,
Thursday " 5th At home. Spent part of
the day at Bro Robt Crawfords,
Friday Jan 7th Forenoon at home, after
dinner, mid wind & rain, growing
colder every moment, for 12½ miles
I faced the driving blast, about Sundown
drew up at Bro Geo. Kinneys, a
hard freeze that night,
Sat Jan 8th Quarterly meeting begins
to day for St Clair cir, Six miles will
bring us to the place, Bethel is
the name of the meeting house,
O what a cold morning! how keen
the blast! it seems to have an
edge on it, Ther, the ground is
frozen hard, but on we go, Bro
West and I, and, we are time
reached the apointed place, a
cold open house, a little fire
a great deal of smoke, cold
comfort, poor Preach, In the
evening held conf at Bro Claiborn
Mathers house, At night I was, by

my kind brethren, permitted to stay by the fire, Bro L. L. Waters, preached,

Sun Jan 9th Preached at 11 oclock on "A faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation" & administered Sacrament, and in view of the severely cold weather, dismissed the meeting, dined at Bro Walkers & went some 4 miles with Farmer Williams, with whom I spent the night,

Monday Jan 10th came on to Eliot Jones's for dinner, spent an hour or so quite pleasantly, Prayed with the family & came on home

Tuesday Jan 11th Rode out to John Burkes, to see his family, and pay him for some Pork I had bought of him, I payed him 5 1/2 cts per pound,

Wed Jan 12th Stayed at home, spent the day in writing mostly, visited one family, had a long talk with a Lady,

on religious subjects, all to no purpose I fear, however, we are to "Sow beside all waters" and we should improve every Suitable opportunity of "casting our bread upon waters" if I did no one else any good, my own Soul was benefitted,

Thursday Jan 13th Rode out to Bro Humphries Wells's, put away my horse & fed him, Sat down by the fire side, where every eye and heart and voice said, welcome, for an hour I was closely engaged in Scriptural expositions & religious conversation, then dinner was announced, This being disposed of, Spent a few minutes more in conversation, Sold them a good Book, held Prayers, and came to Greeneville, Preached at night to a few on the Birth of Christ, Thank God for life & Spared, Amen,

Friday Jan 14th Spent at home, visiting a few familys, &c

Saturday Jan 15th Cloudy, windy, cold In company with Bro Straub went to Speedwell, where the first quarterly meeting for Greenville Cir, was to be held. - found a good Collection of people in waiting, to whom I Preached a short Sermon, Preacher & people, Shivering with cold, - held Q. Conf after Preaching, a goodly number of Brethren present, financial report good better than usual, say $1,440 - went to Bro Johnsons for dinner, Stayed there Sat night

Sun Jan 16th A beautiful day good Congregation, house would not hold more than half the people, Preached on Resurrection of Christ, - went to old Sister Walkers for dinner, found her Son Sick, but full of exercise Bro Howard Preached at night,

Mon Jan 17th Love Feast in the
morning at 9 Oclock, a profitable
one I trust, many a tear was
shed, and doubtless many a
pious resolution formed, The
Preacher in charge Preached
at 11 Oclock, - Then dinner
& home,
Tuesday Jan 18, went to Rhea town
& back, reading as I rode in
the Apostate Methodist Preacher,
- a beautiful day, but cool
I have to lament my Spiritual
dullness, coldness, deadness, may
a merciful God save me from
all Sin & Sanctify me "throughout
out Soul, body and Spirit"
Wednesday Jan 19 At Home
Thursday Jan 20th Forenoon at home,
Bro. Mills from Germantown Tenn, a
Local Preacher; being detained by a car
mishap, came & got dinner with us
we had ate, & I was on point of starting
for my appointment, I was pleased

with the man & sorry that I had to leave him so soon, Taking my little daughter on my horse behind me, (Daniel) I rode 18 miles to my good Bro Swaggerty's, whose house is one of the most pleasant resting places for the weary itinerant I have ever met with, A warm day for winter,

Friday Jan 21st Rained most of the day, after dinner rode some 7 miles to Bro I. Lotspeichs to spend the night, on my way to quarterly meeting for Newport, Ct, There I met the Preacher in charge of the Ct, awaiting my arrival, I spent a pleasant night, Thank God for <u>all</u> his mercies,

Sat Jan 22d With Bro's Wm Milburn and I. Lotspeich I was off early for quarterly meeting on Cobbs Creek, 13 miles, The morning was quite cool & we found it necessary to stop a time or two & warm, Arrived at the place

no meeting house, held meeting in the dwelling of Bro Shutliff, I Preached as best I could after a long cold ride, not a great many out, but they were serious & attentive, Sermon 35 minutes long, At night Bro Lot Speich Preached, — Still growing colder, Slept in the same room where we worship, & tho a pinching cold night, a good fire & plenty of cover made it comfortable,
Sun Jan 23rd Preached at 11 Oclock with Something more than usual liberty, Sacrament of the Lords Supper after Preaching, and a publick Collection lifted of $1.60 liberal people, that!
At night Bro Milburn Preached from "Blessed are they that mourn &c" followed with an exhortation, calling for Penitents to come forward to be Prayed for, two kneeled down, but made no profession,
Monday Jan 24th Turned my face

homeward, dined Sumptuously at Bro Tatspiecks one feels at home there, and lacks for nothing, how pleasant on lifes weary journey to meet Such friends and cheer, Monday evening come on to Bro Swaggertys - where I had left my daughter Nannie, found Bro S, quite sick in bed & suffering much pain from a hurt in his back, just received from his horse having fallen down with him.

Tuesday Jan 25 Still homeward bound, weather cool but moderating, somewhat cloudy, Bro Milburn withus, parted from him at the ferry - he fording on home, while I in accordance with a promise stopped at Bro Hudsons for dinner & some conversation, a Prayer, & I doubt not a christian family dinner over, a few words by the fire side, a few minutes Spent in reading & Prayer & than we were on horse back & enroute for Town, arived, all in common health, To God be unceasing praise, Amen,

Wednesday Jan 26th Spent with my family in Greenville, during the day visited two men, who to all appearance will soon be in the Spirit world, one of them professes to have a sort of preperation, but was afraid for me to pray with him, afraid it would excite him too much, I quoted me however to remember him in my Prayers, Poor fellow! The other has been Seller of Strong drink, and now, that he is wasting away with consumption, he will not permit any one to converse with him on Salvation, Say he has lived like a man, and intends to die like a man, well, if that be living and dying like a man, I would prefer living & dying like — Something else,

Thurs Jan 27th Rode out a few miles in the country, Dined with Sister Lemonds, — Sold her Some good Books, had Some — pleasant fireside conversation, read a lesson from the "Soul converting Page" Prayed with

the family & bade them adieu, called to
see an old man & his wife (old man good)
who live in a cabin, on the wayside, The
old man was in bed, looks badly, coughs
a good deal, cannot live long I think,
I asked him if I should pray with him,
he replied "yes" "and sing two" I sung
a few verses of "Jesus lover of my
Soul" &c and to almighty God
in Prayer, I commended his Soul & body,
as I bade him adieu, tears were in
his eyes, may Kind Heaven pity &
bless the poor old man, No day
passes scarcely but I see something
of the helpness of my race, oh!
their wretchedness,
Friday Jan 28, Spent at home, in the
forenoon hung meat, weather warm,
Sat Jan 29, Still warm, quite so for winter
in the evening, taking my little boy behind
me (as I often do) I rode out to Bro Creamers,
to be convenient to my Sabath appointment &
Spend some pleasant hours with Christian friends,
conversation, Supper, conversation, Sold some hymn books,

Prayers over, to bed, a good night rest,
and Lo! the Sabath light pours in through
the windows,
Sabath 30th 1869. A bright, day, & as pleasant
as one could wish, Preached at Hanshaws
M. H. had a large audience, they were
attentive, Prayerful I trust, while in
many an eye trembled the big tear,
Dined at Levi Hanshaws, Stopped a
few minutes at Dr Boyles, & then home,
Lord grant me a heart of gratitude,
Monday Jan 31st 1869. Spent the day in reading
writing &c at two o'clock George Guess of
Greenville was buried, he was a Liquor
seller, He would not permit any one
to talk to him on the subject of religion,
he died without any preperation So far as
was known, died in the prime of life,
died of consumption, died childless, what a
blessing! he leaves a young widow, At
his burying there was a large concourse
for Greenville, but few tears were shed,
May the living lay these things to heart,
Another lovely day, God be praised for all,

Feb 1st 1859 Tuesday, In the morning did some letter writing, one to our Book agt at Nashville, Dr Jno B. McFerrin, and one to my Uncle of Kentucky, Dr Daily, also visitted the Printing office, and made the acquaintance of the new Editor, Mr Turner, late of Georgia, he was raised in Ogs Co Ga, & is with his wife a member of the M.E. Church South, he promised me the "Greenville Democrat" of which he is associate Editor, free of cost, The past has been a pleasant day, weather mild,

Wednesday Feb 2nd In the morning read the "Richmond Christian Advocate" I think it is improving under the magic pen of new Editor, about 10 o'clock started to the country visited, first, Robert Bartly, He was born and raised in Guilford Co N.C born in 1775 in 1812 he moved to East Tenn & settled in washington Co Jonesboro was then quite a Small village, with two Stores Kept by David Fearick & John McCalister, Bro

Barthy has been in the church some 55 years, received into church by one Billy Haynes, Bishop Asbury was present at the meeting where Bro Barthy joined, but did not preach on account of some affliction. His brother is now in his 84th year has been a Class Leader. Some 20 or 30 years of his connection with the Church has seen & heard most of the early Bishops such as Asbury, McKenare, Roberts, Soule &c His house too has long been a resting place for the weary itinerant, among those welcomed, fed comforted & cheered here we might the following Kinaric. (now living in Alabama & believe) Akin (gone to his reward) Fleming, now P.E. of Cumberland dist, Creed Fulton, now at the head of a Female College in Ga, Daughters, who a few years ago died in Mississippi, John Craig Wm Cumming, Wm & Arnold Patton, Thos Rice, Straley, who died in Brady'ld a few years ago,

Perkins, He, Rev Stills &c I am glad to say, this veteran Soldier is still in the field, doing good Service, Tho the Silver of age is on his brow, the gold tried in the fire is in his heart, His wife Elizabeth, is now in her 81st year, was converted at Stone Dam camp ground 30 or 40 years ago under the Preaching of Wm Garrett, Long have these aged ones been journeying & still hand in hand they are moving on ever & anon looking for the crown which the Lord the righteous Judge will give them in that day, They will soon go to join the Armys of the Sky,

I Spent an hour or two, at the house of these aged Christains, to my own profit at least, & trust, we Joined in Prayer & I bade them adieu, coming on I Stop't at Bro Collers, conversed a little, Prayed with the family & came home, The past has been a wet day,

Thursday Feby 3rd Friday Feb 4, At Home, Sat Feb 5th At 4 Oclock got on the Cars for Morristown, where I had an engagement to hold a two days meeting, arived before

daylight, stopped with my brother-in-law James Jamison, commenced meeting at 11 o'clock at the academy, they have no church, Bro Joseph Wilburn with me all the time, Bro Hobbs part of the time, I preached on a portion of the Lords Prayer, good turn out, at night Bro Wilburn preached invited mourners, none came, but a good feeling among Christians,
Sunday Feb 6th Preached at 11 on "A faithful Saying" &c the Brethren lifted a collection, part of which was to defray my expenses on the cars, we then had the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, a good feeling prevailed, fine turn out, at night Bro M. Preacher, I exhorted, called for penitents to come forward, some came, & on opening the door of the church 4 joined,
Monday Feb 7th. Preached at 11, from "Do good to all men" &c Some mourners, at night Bro Nathan Hobbs gave us a good sermon on the "new birth". I exhorted and

invited penitents to the altar, 8 or 10 came,
meeting continued in progress until a late
hour, Thank God! Bless his holy name!
5 or 6 made a profession of religion, sad
and heart rending was their cry for mercy!
but joyful was the song & shout of
victory when god healed the heart broken,
The interest of the meeting increased,
Tuesday Feb 8th Preached at 11. from —
"Let no man glory in man" &c Some
mourners came, at night Bro R. Preached
Several came forward & two or three
were pardoned, & some few joined the
church. Stayed all night at Bro' Angles
Slept say 3 quarters of an hour, went to
the Depot, waited about an hour for
the cars. They came, I got aboard, and
was soon at home in Greenville,
Thank god for all his mercies!
Wednesday Feb 9th Spent at home, it was
quite a wet day, at night I had an
attack of something like cramp chalick
suffered much, but it was not of
long continuance,

Thursday Feb 10th To day Wilbur Fisk my little boy, cut off his first stick of wood, one of hickory about 2½ inches in diameter, he struck a good many licks, finaly much to his satisfaction got it off, He is now five years, five months and eighten days old,

Friday Feb 11th

Left Greenville in the forenoon enroute for my Jonesboro Quarterly meeting, as I rode out of town the bell was tolling, telling of deaths doings, and warning the vain and thoughtless living to be in readiness, Esqr Drake had died + was buried with the honors of Free Masonry, He was said to have been a good citizen, a worthy man and I hope a christain, I rode on 10 miles reading from "Taylor on Holy Living" Sometimes musing, & sometimes lifting my heart in Silent Prayer to the great fountain of all good, Learning on the way that Mr Stonefields (Jun) Son was to be buried at old Stonedam grave Yard, at 12 Oclock, I stopt + saw them cover up his mortal remains in,

the cold clay, weeping relatives were there, and the mother especially was in deep distress. Said She, "my heart is broken!" The young man was scarce 20 years old, was a member of the church & professed to be ready to die, I dined at the house of mourning, may God bless the family. Stayed all night at Geo Gillespies, Sat Feb 12th Up by 4½ o'clock & off for the Depot at Clappers, on the card in due time & off for Jonesboro, Preached at 11 from "So teach us to number our days" & Preached at night again from "Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone" called for penitents, none came two kneeled down where they were, for whom we offered Prayer,

Sunday Feb 13th I preached at 11 to a large audience, a good feeling seemed to pervade the assembly, administered Sacrament a great many communed, Presbyterians & Methodists, at night Rev Mr Wells of the Presbytirian church Preached, still a larger congregation than in daylight, I spent the night with Bro Wells, was much pleased with his pleasant family,

Monday Feb. 14, met the conf for the Station at 8½ Oclock, Some had been admitted into the church during the quarter, 11 on trial, and 1 by letter, Some place in $60. were colected to meet the claims of the Preachers, I Spent the day in visiting Some aged & afflicted persons at night Bro Baldwin Preached, Tuesday Feb 15th Rose at 2 in the morning. + at 3 took car for Clippers, from thence walked to Gilespies, went to bed, slept a short time, got up + the first thing I heard, was "I have bad news to tell you" whats the matter? said I, "your horse is badly crippled" and Sure enough, he had cut himself badly on a sharp iron Spike so much so that, I had to leave him + borrow another, as I came on I stopped at Bro Thomas Ripleys, got dinner, Sold a couple of Hymn Books held Prayers & came on home,
Wednesday Feb 16th Spent at home,
Thurs Feb 17th. Forenoon at home, Thomas Johnston & A. J Fletcher dined with us, after

dinner rode to Daniel Miller's, 12 miles from this, stayed all night, & got on car next morning for the Carter Depot, expected a Hack there for Elizabethton, but as the waters were up it was not running, So with boy & horse through mud & rain I cut out, at Watauga Sent boy & Horse back, paid 25, crossed in canoe Paid 10 cts, walked to J. P. Tiptons, stayed until after dinner, & was sent on in Buggy, drawn by a stout mule, Stopt at Rev J. Singletarys, was sick at night, & Friday 18th Feb,

Sat. Feb 19th Quite sick all day, ate nothing, but made out to get to the church to hold quarterly conf,

Sunday Feb 20th Some better, preached at 11 oclock, the funeral of an infant son of Lilburn Berry,

Monday Feb 21st preached at 11 oclock a funeral Sermon, embracing an infant (of Mr. W. Nelsons) & a young Lady, in the evening went on the Hack to Carter Depot,

Tuesday Feb 22nd at 2 got on the cars & at 4 got home, near 40 miles, what a great

Convenience! They dont charge me, permit me to pass free to, & from, my Quarterly meetings, on getting home found my little boy had been quite sick, but was near well when I got home, Thank god for all his mercies! O that I enjoyed more of the life and power of religion! I lament my coldness & want of zeal, I feel myself inclined too much to worldly-mindedness, too often asking "what shall I eat? what shall I drink? and wherewithall shall I be clothed?"

Wednesday Feb 23rd At home, with "loved ones" but soon in the morning must leave for the mountains, weeks must pass before I spend another day at home, may Heaven protect us all, To day it has been cloudy, but warm, To night while I sit penning these lines, my head is slightly aching, also my tooth, Julia is sewing, Mary is looking over Geography lesson, Sammie is reading, & Wilbur is whittling sticks,

Thursday Feb 24th Took the cars before day, got off at Clippers Debot, breakfasted at Geo Gilespies, got my horse, and on, on, through the mud, with spirits not the most buoyant; I trudged-

to Elizabethton, Stop't at Bro Brooks, meeting
Still going on, quite an interest! Preached
for them at night,
Friday Feb 25th Dark, rainy, gloomy day,
Spent most of the day in reading Mrs Bortons
life, I always find that the reading of religious
biography, is profitable to my Soul, at night
Stayed at Bro Rockholds, — Should have gone
up to my quar meeting for Taylorsville cir, at
Lows chapple, but rain & wind prevented,
Sat Feb 26th Had my horse Shod all-round,
Started on them, for my q.m. for T. cir, as the
waters were up, dashing wildly down from the —
mountains, (and especially Watauga, was tossing its frantic
waves on high) and as I could not ford, I had much
difficulty in getting along, but before Sunaown
reached the place, & was with the brethren
on Sat night,
Sunday Feb 27th How uncertain is life! how
rapidly are the human family passing away! truly "we all do
fade as a leaf" and "must needs die and be as water
Spilt upon the ground" On Sunday morning, I received
a note, requesting me to attend the funeral of a man
who on the Friday preceding, was Struck dead with lightning

he was, when struck, in the act of tieing on his cravat, having just shaved, he was laughing & talking, & enjoying fine health, but, alas! a messenger from the clouds, came down & smote & he was dead, — he was 50 years old, had no family, was not a religious man, he had a good farm, was Clerk of the Circuit for Johnston Co, Ten, stood high, in the estimation of the people, was regarded as an honest, clever man, But all would not save him, nor would all these things purchase heaven, a large crowd attended, to whom I preached, as they stood on their feet, on the top of a high hill, my text was "Wherefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" at night Bro Key preached at the meeting house,

Monday Feb 28th I preached at 11. a good many out, for the neighborhood, 2 joined the church, they were colored folks, a man and his wife, may they get to Heaven, closed the meeting, went to Abner Walkers for dinner had Buck-wheat cakes, of which I am fond, in

the evening went up to Bro Showns, spent a pleasant night,

Tuesday March 1st 1859, In company with Bro Kinsland, I rode to Col Alas Smiths for dinner — in the evening went on to Taylorville stopping with Bro Cooper, with whom, spent the night,

Wednesday march 2nd Preached at Liberty, two miles from town, but few out, too lazy, too, industrious, or too little concerned about religious matters, or something else, kept them away, or it may be it was because, the neighborhood is to a great extent given over to Mud-head-ism, & Campbellite-ism, - at night stayed at mr Duffs, a kind family,

Thursday March 3rd Rode to town, stopt with Bro Keys, got a letter from my wife, a wet, at least a Showery forenoon, Preached at night in the court House, a good turnout, spent the night at Bro J. K. Hughes's, he & wife deeply distressed, for little Millie is no more, he was their only child, a precious, promising boy, O may they bring their wounded hearts to Jesus, and there have them healed, may god bless them, and prepare them to meet the loved, lost one above

Friday march 4, Bro Kinsland + myself rode out to Showns x roads, dined at Bro Vaughs, in company with Bro + Sister Hughs the wind blew fearfully, in the evening rode up to David E. Bowers,

Saturday march 5th Comenced quarterly meeting for Watauga mission at Southerlands, I Preached at 11 from "I am doing a great work" &c at night Bro Kinsland Preached, he is a young man of promise,

Sunday March 6, Love feast at 9 oclock, a time of weeping + rejoicing, at 11, I Preached, on Transfiguration of Christ, Bro W. W. Smith followed in an exhortation, rather lengthy, At night Bro John Paterson Preached

Monday March 7th Set out for home, rode some 20 miles to Abner Walkers at Pandora, Stayed all night with them, He, I think will die in a few years of consumption, his wife (second cousin to my wife) looks like she might live 75 years or so, rain + some wind through the night, quite warm for the season, some cooler in morning,

Tuesday march 8th. Still tending home-ward, a cool wind, & slight rain made it rather uncomfortable riding, Stopped in Elizabethtown at Bro Brooks for dinner & then came on to Samuel Millers, near Johnstons & got, took Supper, held Prayers, left my horse, walked up to the Depot, Slept a few hours, got on the cars, came home, & found my wife sick of fever, had been for a week, tho somewhat better when I got home,

Wednesday & Thursday march 9 & 10. at home (in Greenville) & mostly within doors, we have warm Spring weather, Peach trees are in their gayest costume, grass is springing up, wheat fields look green, while soft welcome winds fan the brow,

Friday march 11th My little boy is quite sick to day, worms perhaps, with fever,

Cloudy in forenoon, fair mostly in the evening, my wife is still improving, O God! we are in thy hands, help us to submit to thy will, & sick or well to feel secure,

Saturday march 12. Took to the cars before day, got off at Johnsons Depot, got breakfast,

Sold Bro G two good Books, walked down to Bro Sam Millers, got my horse, & in company with Bro Carter Reeve set out for Q M, on the Gunnabon circ, called on the way to see Bro Young, (the Dr) he is apparently quite low & not long for this world, but his trust is in God, and his hope anchors to that within the vail, he is quite composed, — o how good is religion in affliction! Prayed with him & left, it good to be there, arived at Speedwell, Bro Catlett Preached at 11, & at night, on "Prodigal Son"

Sunday march 13th AM & Bro Baldwin held Love Feast, I Preached at 11 on the Lords Prayer, — Sacrament followed, Bro Baldwin Preached at night, and published meeting for monday & monday night, — Sat & Sabbath lovely days,

Monday march 14th, a gloomy wet day, left for home, grateful too, of the consequences to my health, — near 30 miles to ride, dined with that pleasant family, Jesse called & got home by night,

wife + milbur improving slowly,
Tuesday March 15th. Quite unwell, symptoms
of fever, — a moderate fever through the night,
Wednesday Mar 16th. Kept up, worked some
in the way of gardening & gate making,
at night had fever, thank god! that its
no worse, what do I deserve? alas! how wholly
undeserving of any good, tis good to be afflicted
for thereby is humility, godly fear, & heavenly
mindedness, with charity, as well as many
other graces promoted, O may I always be
calm, resigned & patient under affliction.
Thursday march 17th. A wet day, still quite
poorly, call in Dr McCorcle, he prescribed
a dose of calomel, which I took, have ate
no solid food since monday,
Friday march 18th, Feel some better to day,
had no fever last night, more to day up to noon, (at
which time I write) Its a blustery, showery day.
Saturday march 19th. Last evening had a Snow-Storm,
to day it is cold, drove in my Buggy 15 miles to
Milburnton, the place for holding quarterly
meeting for Rheatown cir, had a cold ride, got
there about 12 oclock, found Bro Robeson up

Preaching away, after Preaching held
quarterly conf, at night James Mahoney
Preached, I was too unwell to go out,
staid all night at Joseph Milburns,
Sunday march 20th Love Feast at 9, I Preached
at 11 & administered Sacrament, my subject
was "Be ye therfore perfect as your
Father in heaven is perfect" I was
quite feable in body, consequently much
exhausted, but felt something of the Lords
presence, & the gospels power in my heart,
at night Bro Robeson Preached, and
as neither of us were able to Preach and
labour we closed the meeting, may the
Lord, follow up the word, and make it,
the power of God unto Salvation, to many who
heard,
Monday march 21st Came home, taking
Rheatown in my rout & dining at the
Parsonage, a cloudy day,
Tuesday march 22nd My wife, my little boy & myself drove out
some 4 miles to visit that portion of the Brooks family yet
at the old homestead, forenoon warm with sunshine
after dinner it rained awhile, ceased in the evening,
we returned to town, Time is flying, men are dying,

Thursday mar 24th At home,
Wednesday mar 23th At home, Spent a portion of the evening at Bro' Straddys,
Friday mar 25th Set out for Depew's Chapel on Fall Branch cir, Dined at Bro Johnstons, Spent the night at Bro John Hunts, a beautiful day, Spent much time during the day in Prayer, my religious enjoyments are low, not what they should be, O for a holy heart!
Saturday March 26th In company with Bro George Bennett, went on to quarterly, meeting, twas a lovely Spring day, a good many were out, had some liberty in Preaching on "Grow in grace" after Preaching met qua conf, 30 had Joined during the quarter, quarterage paid in about one hundred and thirty dollars, Bro Boyed, a young Local Preacher, Preached at night, or made an attempt to do so, but got Scared out of it, & quit after some 20 minutes,
Sunday mar 27th Preached at 11 oclock on "I am doing a great work &c a good feeling

seemed prevelent most of the time,
Sacrament at close of Sermon,
Bro Ingle Preached at 4 in the evening
about the Bed that was too Short,
and the covering that was too narrow,
O my Soul! another precious Sobath
is gone, how hast thou improved
it?

Monday mar 28th At 10, Preached on
"The Lord God is a Sun and Shield" &c
a text I had not Preached from in
years, I trust God was done,
Dined at Hamilton Easlys, Baptized
5 of his Children, Rode to Geo
Bennetts, Supped, went to Fall
Branch, & Preached at night,
Tuesday mar 29th Homeward bound,
Dined on the way at Grayshurg,
with Rev Mr Mathes, family, his
wife an old acquaintance, he is
a Presbyterian Preacher of the old
School type, — his wife, quite a decided
methodist, a pleasant day, I tried to
commune with God & lift my heart in Prayer by
the way, found all well, thank God!

Wednesday Mar. 30th & Thursday 31st Spent at home.
Friday April 1st 1859. Forenoon at home, afternoon went with my family to Bro. Abram Carters, had a pleasant drive of some 10 miles, the children enjoyed it finely, after being pent up in town for so long a time, they would walk, now & then and gather wild flowers that bloomed by the way, deep fording in Lick creek, got my feet & some books wet,
Saturday April 2nd Rain, rain, rain, all day, quite an unpleasant ride to "Zion" some 20 out, Preached to them on Faith, Hope & Charity - by close of Sermon Bro's King & Carrol from St Clair rode up, have come 20 miles through mud and rain, Bro G. Carr after Preaching stopped with that blessed man, Thomas Baily, At night Bro Carrol Preached,
Sunday April 3rd A bright day, good turn out, The high water kept some away no doubt, Preached on Perfection, had Some liberty, many weep, At night I Preached on Sermon of Godora, two mourners, God be praised, for his great mercy!

Monday April 4th Love Feast, at 9 oclock, it was good to be there, many Spoke feelingly & profitably, and profitable too, of the wonderful dealings of God with their Souls, how interesting to hear the "Children of the Heavenly King" as they Journey through the wilderness, tell of their, conflicts & victorys, their joys hopes and & inviting prospects,
Bro West Preached at 11 Oclock, at the close of Sermon, one young man professed to find peace in christ & went rejoicing through the congregation,
At night I Preached on eternal death, 4 persons came forward to be Prayed for, we closed the meeting,
Tuesday April 5th Came to Bro A. Carters, where we spent the day, weather cool for the Season, frost & freeze at night, about all killed,
Wednesday April 6th, My family, with Bro & Sister Carter visited Bro Young family, I went to Greenville, got a Bill for Books ordered last week, cool raw day, more frost at night, farewell fruit!

Thursday April 7th. Spent a part of forenoon in examining into the ravages of the frost among the fruit, pretty much all killed, in the evening went to Elliot Conners, Spent part of the evening fishing in Lick Creek, a few nibbles - no fish, Spent the night at Bro Jones'os, what a kind family! God bless them,

Friday April 8th Beautiful Spring day! the forests are being clothed in robes of green, flowers - wild flours - are peeping out from rock & wall & hillside, wheatfields on every side with vernal beauty clothe greet the eye, Birds, sweet voiced & many colored! are breaking away from their winter prisons, spreading their eager wings, on the air & pouring forth songs of Joy, We drive to Bro' Keys, dine there, converse awhile, Pray with them, off for our Virginia acquaintances, Mr Griffins, arrived there, what a kind greeting! out comes the old Lady, followed by her daughters, then the dear old man, a native Irishman, six years a sailor, Spent a pleasant night with this family whom we knew in Va - near a dozen years had passed since the privilege was ours of seeing & conversing with them at their home, mostly Presbyterians,

Saturday April 9th a bright day away we-
whirl for Mount Pleasant, to attend the 2nd Q.M.
for Greenville Cir, Pretty fair turn out,
Preached on Faith - Hope & Charity, - after which
met the conf, went to widow Brittains for
dinner, a what a road! I Preached at -
night, on "Joy in Heaven over one sinner
that repenteth"

Sunday April 10th Prayer meeting half past
9, Preached at 11 from "I am doing a
great work" &c followed with Lords Supper"
a large Congregation, many could not get
in the house, Bro Bradley Preached at
night,

Monday April 11, Love feast at 9, Bro
S. Preached at 11, I Baptized a little
bound boy, - meeting closed, we came -
home in the evening,

Tuesday, April 12th, Wednesday 13th, at home,
Thursday April 14th About 10 o'clock, Started
in my Buggy (drawn by Charley the Stump -
sucker) for my quarterly meeting on Newport
Circuit my daughter Mary, accompanying me,
- 9 miles but us at half past 12 to good Bro Letspeichs
dinner over, but a good one was soon provided for us,

went on to the river, too deep to ford, the wind blew so we could not cross in a boat, so we tacked about, went to Bro Hutsons, (a Local Preacher) and stayed all night, he has his Second wife, no children by her, children by former wife all married & settled in life, at least all gone & doing for themselves, present wife a Presbyterian, a kind Lady & a christain I hope, and a better housekeeper, I seldom find, cooking done up brown, Spent a portion of my time at Bro. He's in looking over old files of Papers, "Methodist Episcopalian & "Holston christain Advocate"

Friday April 15th Off in due time, at old Bro Yeitts we dined, his Son is having a fine house built, finest I have seen in this end of the state, after dinner went on to Bro Swaggerty's, found an afflicted family, the old Lady, quite low, & it may be near the grave, "not far from the kingdom" went to Parrottsville & Preached at night, (or tried) rode back to Uncle Swaggerty's, by lonely moonlight,

Saturday April 16th 1859, must ride 15 miles to quarterly meeting at Roaring Creek, off in pretty good time, Bro Mayburn meeting me at Parrottsville & going with me, about 12

o'clock we hove up, I was in rather poor plight for Preaching, but did as well as could under the circumstances, felt dull however + had the dis-satisfaction of addressing a drowsy yawning congregation, Held Conf + went to Henry Thickeys for dinner, back at night, Bro Milburn Preached, Spent the night at Joseph Thickeys, weather uncomfortably cool

Sunday April 17th Prayer meeting at 9, Preached to a hard congregation at 11, from "Consider him that endured such contradiction against himself &c not a tear was shed" - had Shall baptize commit, at 4 o'clock, Bro Milburn Preached, we Stayed all night at Bro Esqr Murrels, Still cool, almost cold

Monday April 18th Preached at 10, to a small, but listning & weeping congregation, we felt that it was good to be there, one Lady joined the church, O may she be a faithful, useful, and most happy christian, but a few days ago her babe was drowned in a small creek close by her door, Bro Jn, & myself went on to Bro Allens - he lives in a beautiful Poplar grove, on the banks of Pigeon River, a man of

wealth. a gentleman & I trust a christian, frost this morning, no fruit left now I recon, may we be resigned!

Tuesday April 19th 'Tis seldom I find a more delightful family & resting place than this two Allens, but I must away, adieu ye broad green fields of wheat & clover, adieu ye tall Poplars, & fertile banks of Pigeon, adieu this kind christian family, I must be going, the masters work requires haste, "I must be about my masters business" an apointment awaits me at Newport, arived, stop at two Porters if not the "Town Clerk" at least clerk of the court, at 11, I preached to a pretty respectable audience both as to size & intelligence - did I sow good Seed? and will they Spring up? & will there be fruit? and shall I see it in a coming day? God grant it, In the evening rode on to Uncle Swagertys - where I had left Mary - once more homeward bound, just completed my Second round, years work half done.

Wednesday April 20th Came home, found all well, -

Thursday April 21st Spent at home, doing little thing, Reading, writing &c 'tis warm & windy,

Friday April 22nd what a Showery day! and what a genteel looking I got in the evening! real April, weather,

Saturday April 23rd was to have gone to newmarket on the 4 oclock morning train, but slept a little too late, consequently waited for freight at 9 in the morning, got aboard found a hard bench to sit on. but to make amends for a somewhat uncomfortable seat, I had good company, as I found Rev J. Sullins & family, (wife & child) enroute for Knoxville, 3 oclock brought us to Newmarket, where I got off. & stopt at my aunts (widow Nancy Daily), soon after which met with Bro's Muney, Pope, Kinsey, and Godby, - at night heard a Sermon from Bro. H,

Sunday April 24th At 11 oclock I addressed quite a large congregation in the Presbyterian Church, my subject was the Lords Prayer, and the discourse was a funeral, in connexion with the death of my cousin, Mary Furgeson, daughter of Uncle John Daily, after Sermon Rev Mr Muney, administered Sacrament of the Lords Supper, the communicants remaining seated after the manner of the Presbyterians, This - was best, as the seats were not adapted to kneeling, quite a pleasant state of religious feeling seemed to pervade

the congregation. I trust good may come to some poor soul from the labours of the day. If any one was induced to shed a penitential tear, to offer a petition for mercy, to set a good resolution, or quicken their heavenward steps, there were the labours of the day, (poor as they were on my part) not in vain, O God water the seed. — In the evening Bro Muney, delivered an appropriate & an exelent discourse to the Sabath School, at night Bro Godby preached, — twas a beautiful day, frost in the morning hower, — hope it is the last for this season.

Monday April 25th The brethren had an exelent Love Feast, I did not go. I preached a poor, dry-cold Sermon at 11, In the evening went out to Jacob Sharp's, a kind family, a Christian household, when in charge of Tazwell Station a few years ago. This family constituted a portion of my charge, with whom with my family I boarded for a time, They then lived in Union Co, now in Jefferson, I spent the night with them,

Tuesday April 26th went down to Strawberry Plains, spent the day with Enoch & Eva,

Wednesday April 27, Came up to Morristown, spent the day with, My brotherinlaws, family,

Thursday April 28, Left Morristown at 3 in the morning, came home by Sunup, met with Rev Miles Fox, on the cars, he was for years a member of Halston conf,

Friday April 29, Quite a wet day,

Saturday April 30th Rain over, leaf, and bird and flour, all awake & alive, on my faithful - Charley, & sped me away to old Ebenezer for the purpose of holding a two days meeting, it is one of the oldest worshiping places in all this country, at least so far as Methodist worship is concerned, Several Annual Conferences have been held here, in the days when methodism was small, here such men as, McKinon George & Soule have preached & presided, - we had a pretty fair turn out, forenoon & afternoon,

Sunday May 1st 1859, Stayed Sat night at the widow Sallie Earnests, - where 10 years ago, with my wife & Mary & Thos. I spent a few weeks, I was then treading the Wheatown air, & her house, our first born to her first lessons in walking, - a little frost was to be seen this morning, it

I was told, but o what a charming morning!
we commenced Preaching at 10½ o'clock, Mr.
Robeson preached first, I followed, my Subject
was "The wages of Sin is death," the congregation
was quite large, a great many could not get
in, — we went to Jesse Eastmans for —
dinner — had a first rate Sunday dinner, all cold,
& among other things Ham 3 years old, these
cold dinners, tho they may not be so palatable
are far preferable for Sabath, too much cooking
& eating done on Sabath, and in this way, Gods holy
day is properly dissecrated, o for a thorough, and
general reformation! at 4 o'clock I preached
=ed after a drill sort, we then closed the —
meeting.

May 2nd Monday I stayed last night at Mr
Fox's, quite a pleasant, & Christian
family, came on to Dr Brooks, and
dined, then came on home, found that
Nannie had been, in my absence quite
sick, found her better, thank God!

Tuesday May 3rd At home,

Wednesday May 4th At home, after dinner
went to the court house, (where I seldom go) and

heard the congressional candidates for 4th forth, before quite a large crowd of the "Sovereigns" on national and state interests & questions, they are both. (Nelson & Haynes) men of decided ability and cannot fail to interest the intelligent of both parties, but alas! for political strife; and this everlasting clatter, what a waste of time, of money, of strength, and worse still, what havoc is made of peace, friendship and Religion,

Thursday May 5th rather fair, a breeze up-most of the day, but the sun shone warm, out of horse-fear, so taking horse Buggy and Wilbur off I went to the country, and succeeded in getting some corn, which I hauled home,

Friday May 6th Mr. wife, Wilbur & myself went to Rheatown a small village 10 miles from this, we were on a "trading expedition" returned home by night, quite warm

Saturday May 7th left Greenville, by train on the train for my Jonesboro, Tenn, the first for my 3rd round, away we fly, flewing, whizzing and flying, from Jonesboro announced,

by that important functionary The Conductor
I step of the car, greet a few friends, then
direct my steps to Jim Dossers, where, by
myself I eat my breakfast, about 9 o'clock,
at the house of Mr Blair, I attended the
funeral of an infant, Mr Wells of the
Presbyterian church officiating, I offered
Prayer, I freely wept with those that wept,
at 11. I Preached, met class, at 4 &
Preached again at night,
Sunday May 8th Saw as intelligent, good
looking, well dressed & fashionable (alas that there
is such a rage for fashion) a congregation as East Ten
affords, I held forth at 11, then gave the
Lords Supper, a quiet time, dined at Dr
Cossens, Preached to say a hundred and
twenty or thirty thousand dollars worth of the
Sable Sons of Ham at 3 o'clock, & again
at night to the whites, my Peace is
small, does not flow like a river, I have
some faith in God, but O for an increase of
faith, genuine, prevailing, all subduing faith,
fine rain in Jonesboro last evening, was
much needed, none fell here in Greenville

Monday May 9th came home, per cars,
my last free ride,
Tuesday 10th Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th, at home,
Friday May 13th left home in the morning
for my Elizabethton P. M. in Limestone cove, of
Carter County, 20 miles bot me to an
antient but little town called Leesburg, called there
for dinner with my old friend Giles Cecil, dinner -
over - rested & chatted awhile & solitary & alone on my faithful
charley, I rode on to the Hon & Rev N.G. Taylors,
- o how weary! but a hearty welcome, a digestable
supper & good nights Sleep, helped me much,
Saturday May 14th A ride of some 10 miles bot
me to the cove. a new Log church greeted me,
albeit not quite finished, there it stood, surrounded
by the broad Beech trees, I preached to a
people that seemed hungry for the word, I wept &
they wept, & we felt that the divine presence was
there, held conf in the evening at Dr -
Bells, (a Local preacher) weather growing -
cooler - throat got sore, at night Bro Brooks
& I to Zion,
Sunday May 15th Slept but little for the night
head ached, sore throat sore & swollen,

Preached at 11, from "The harvest truly is great" We we had a melting Shouting time, no Sacrament, had failed to provide the elements, — went to Br Morrisons, up on the mountain side for dinner, a kind, warmhearted family, Preaching in the evening by Bro Brooks, a good time, Monday May 16th Off for home, in haste somewhat as I had left my little boy sick, got a letter at Johnstons Depot, he was (is) better thank God! Spent the night at Adam Boyles, at Boyleville, Tuesday May 17 came home, rained most of the forenoon,

Wednesday May 18, Quite busy in forenoon getting reading for our up country trip, after dinner set out all aboard a Buggy, rain soon caught us, Stopped by the way most hardest of it was over got to Geo Gilespies about Sundown, Stayed all night with them, Thursday May 19 wife and Wilbur took the cars for Johnstons Depot, I went on in the Buggy, overtook the van guard in the evening, Mrs Haynes sent her carriage, & we all went to the Cols,

Friday May 20th Leaving the little girls at Col Haynes, my wife, Wilbur & Self- set out for "up the country" part of our road was lonely, at least so far as the sight of- human faces, farms & dwellings, with other marks of civilization were concerned, but there, we had the Bare clad mountain, the wild, deep green-wood, the whispering, sighing, -singing, murmuring streamlet, with wild flowers bending & blushing, we had some fears about high waters, we dashed into the Swollen Doe, & lo! our Buggy was full, but no harm done only our dinner somewhat Softened - crossed the Watauga, in a canoe, gave a man one dime to drive my Buggy across, - by night we drew up at Cousin Walkers,

Saturday May 21st drove 9 1/2 miles to Taylorsville, -Stopt at Bro. J. K Hughs's, Preached in the new, unfinished church at 11, held conf at 3 o'clock, Bro Murphey Preached at night, amid rain, wind, Thunder & Lightning, God Preached in thunder tones from the dark heaving Heavens, Guess Some Ladys with Steel Hoops felt ticklish . . . .

Sunday May 22nd To a large congregation at 11 oclock. I Preached the funeral of Lovenia Turner, twas not as clear a case as could have been desired, still there was ground for hope, such as an agony of Prayer, sobing grief, followed by a calm, and the words "There's nothing the matter now" Sacrament followd, good feeling prevailed, one Baptist women came forward and communed with us, — at night Bro McRae Preached,

Monday May 23rd At 11 oclock I preached the funeral of "Willie" Hughs. he was some seven years old when he died, was an only, and greatly beloved child, and one of more than ordinary promise and intelligence, but "Death loves a Shining mark" and "whom the gods love die early"

Tuesday May 24th Meeting continues, people turn out well, are respectful, Serious, attentive, many weep, but alas! not for Sin, & fear, Bro McRae Preached again last night, a capital Preacher is he, to day at 11 I Preached another Sermon of a funeral character, connected with the death of old mother Powell, She was well stricken in years, had raised, mostly without human help, a large —

family, had lived a widow a good while, had been religious some 15 years & was a member of the Presbyterian church. She came to her daughters house to die, She died deliberately & quietly, longing to lay her aching bones & weary frame in the grave that she might rest there in hope of the Resurrection day. Peace to her sleeping dust, and honor to her memory.

Wednesday May 25th Dined at Mr Hughes's, and in the evening went out to Mr Duffs, Spent the night with that pleasant family. God bless them & reward them.

Thursday May 26th Spent the day with some friends, at Mr Waughs, at Shows & roads, Thank god, for friends, for life - prolonged, and health continued, O for a heart at all time filled with emotions of gratitude & praise, "Bless the Lord O my Soul"

Friday May 27, Drove down Roans creek, to Mr Jacob Wagoners, dear me! what delightful lands, how level and how rich! and see the green meadows and fields of waving grain! and how the beauty of all is enhanced by the skirting of mountains in the distance, The family we

visited Levi at home, what luxury to be an—
independant farmer, After partaking of a
capital dinner & waiting until the Shower
was over we Set out, up Stream, & North-Carolina
=wards, Soon a rain, driven on to fierceness
by the wind, overtook us & moistened us a little,
we Stop't in a while at Maj. McQueens,
then went on to Bro' D. Bowers,
Saturday May 28. A little cool, but as clear &
blue a Sky as ever bent ore the bashing earth,
there is a healthfulness & purity too, about the
air, to be found no where else, Save in
high mountain regions, - There, in full view
stands a lofty mountain, the "Rich mountain"
I think they call it, its Summit is base of trees,
but green as meadow land in Spring, it Seems
to be in a State of repose, no cloud caps its
lofty peaks, no storm howls along its broad
slopes, the deep green of dense forest growth
is all hushed & still, how beautiful, as it—
bathes in the morning Sun! But we must
be off for Smiths S. H. Watauga co N. C.
in the bounds of the mission, - a few hours
drive brings us to the place, we stop at

Bro Smiths - Lord's by the unpleasant school house, Preach. at 11 to a crammed house - held conf at 3 & Bro Mc Rae holds forth. at night

Sunday May 29th The brethren held a prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock, at the close of which I made some remarks on infant Baptism & Baptized a namesake, William Daily Combs, - a short intermission, then preached in a temple built by God himself, it was a bright day, soft breezes whispered among the wide arms & green leaves of the Beach-trees, I had a pretty large congregation, gathered from the coves, valleys & mountains, all seemed inclined to give heed, my subject was the 15th Psalm, to some extent my feelings were moved, & I trust good may result, after sermon we knelt on the ground, among the dry leaves, rocks & moss, and commenced the sufferings and death of our Lord & master, In the evening we turned our faces homeward, & drove 6 miles to Bro Bowers,

Monday May 30. Drove to Taylorsville & dined with Bro Hughs, bidding adieu to that quiet little town, we came on to "Pandora"

Tuesday May 31st came on down to Elizabethtown, Stop't at Bro. A. T. Brooks, he is in charge of the cir, his wife a full cousin of mine, I was Solicited to Preach, but declined on account of fatigue,

Wednesday June 1st 1859, called a few minutes on a few families, came down to Bro. Holmes, got dinner, had fine fish, remained awhile, came on to Col Haynes, found our children well & out in the Strawberry patch, I meet with few families so pleasant every way as that of Col Haynes, may god bless them,

Thursday June 2nd Spent the day at Dr Youngs, he is a man of fine Sense, in middle life, in good circumstances, is a member of the Methodist Church, "Seemeth to be religious" and I hope his religion is not "in vain". he has been "Greatly afflicted" and thinks he will not live over a year, his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church an excellent woman I think, Stay all night, I love to stay all night, with people, it affords a better opportunity to Pray with the family & impress young hearts with moral lessons, on leaving the Dr presented me with three Dollars, so help, Race be upon them,

Friday June 3rd Spent most of the day at Johnsons depot, - great places, stirring places these depots!
in the evening went to S. Millers, spent the night with them,
Saturday June 4th Drove across to Peter Reeves, had by Oak grove M.E. where was to be holden the 3rd Quarterly meeting for Jonesboro cir. at 11, I Preached to a goodly company of quiet - hearers, at close of Sermon held conf, Bro Baldwin Preached at night - a cool night,
Sunday June 5th Quite a crowd out, it was a fearful time with the hoops, I Preached with some degree of liberty, but alas! all my efforts are poor, I am so full of human weakness, God bless my poor labours! O give me greater power & Success in the Pulpit,
Monday June 6th Came to Jonesboro, Stopping at James Bossers,
Tuesday June 7th came home, to Greenville, Stopping at Jesse Collets for dinner on the way, found all right on arriving at our humble home, & why not? since we had committed all to a kind providence, after all, "There is no place like home"

Wednesday June 8th At home, nothing worth of note occurring,

Thursday June 9th ~~at home, reading, writing, visiting, resting,~~ With my little son, went to the county on business, occupying most of the day,

Friday June 10th Forenoon spent at home, in the evening went up to Rhealtown, preached at night to a fine congregation, gotten together to hear Bro Atkins the Bible agt, he was too much fatigued to preach, hence I consented to do so, but it was a poor dry Preach,

Saturday June 11th Bro Atkins & myself went out to Urbana, where quarterly meeting for Rhealtown Cir was to be held, he Preached at 11, a good Sermon, also at 4 in the evening he delivered an address on Bible operations & took a collection, quarterly Conference after services,

Sunday June 12th Love Feast at 9, Preaching commenced at 11, I Preached to as many as the large house would hold, while Bro' Robeson preached to a good large company in the grove, — It was I trust a good meeting, at night Bro Reed a local Preacher from Goodboro Cir, Preached a capital Sermon,

Monday June 13th Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock
I Preached at 10 1/2, — Bro Robeson was to have
preached at 4, — came down to Greenville on
the evening train
Tuesday June 14th Spent at home — visited a
sick man — Prayed with him,
Wednesday June 15th Spent at home. Col —
Haynes, Mr Edwards & Bro Bradley, Spent
evening with us,
Thursday June 16th At home,
Friday June 17th Forenoon at home, quite
showery, after dinner rode 20 miles, & Spent the
night at Mr Hawks,
Saturday June 18th In company with W. W.
Hawks, rode some 10 miles to Mount
Lebanon Meeting House, the place for
holding the 3rd Q. M. for Tall Branch, Cir,
I Preached at 11. to a good congregation (for Sat)
on Faith, Hope & Charity went to Bro Barnes
for dinner, Bro Hawks Preached in the evening
Stay'd all night at Bro Cains,
Sunday June 19th I Preached the funeral of
Rev R. K. Cain, late of Holston Conf, he was
a good young man & had died in peace, 22 y

congregation was large & attentive, seated partly in the house & partly in the yard, Bro Nicholas Preached, a good feeling sermon in the evening, meeting then closed, spent the night at Mr Perrys,

Monday June 20th Rode to Bro Staters, rested, got dinner, saw them hive a swarm of Bees, then while Bro S. was shoeing Charley, I walked up to Mrs E. Baxters, to see the place where I was born, There I saw the remains of an unimposing log Structure in which they tell me I was born, upwards of 40 years ago, It looks to be about 18 by 20 feet, logs small, hewn, and ~~boarded~~ (or have been) it is now used for a Stable, I went in & looked at it, Strange were my feelings, Near by there is a beautiful grove of oak & Chestnut, which may have been small bushes in my early infancy, 50 yards off from the base of a hill flows, a bold Stream clear & cold, to that I repaired & from it slaked my thirst, Mrs Baxter lives in the house, built by my father & occupied once by my Grandfather Daily, It is a two Story log house, with an ell,

Tuesday June 21st Spent at home, visited a great natural curiosity on exhibition here by Mr Bestol, Wife, The two-headed girl,— two heads— four arms, four feet & legs &c but one body, they are about 7 years old, pretty well grown, quite intelligent, fine heads, sing well, with soft — melting voices, look innocent as angels, — answer a great many questions, generaly both speak at once They are evidently Negroes, in colour & the wooly head,— but there is scarcely any thing else resembling the African race They are a source of wealth & should they live the proprietor is — destined to realize an immense fortune, — at night heard Bro Straby Preach,

Wednesday June 22nd Spent at home, visiting some, reading some, &c

Thursday June 23rd Spent at home,

Friday June 24. Taking my family went to Buck Carters, got dinner, left Mary & Nannie, and went on to Geo Timmons, Spent the night, with them, a warm one it was too, a kind family, friends of God & of his Church, may they prosper,

Saturday June 25th It is 12 miles to St Clair, must be there by 11 o'clock, & begin the Series of quarterly meeting, so we are off in due time, rough road, mountain to cross, weather warm, but we push on & in due time reach the quiet, young & pretty village of St C, Stopping at Bro Kings, soon I repair to the house of worship, pretty good turn-out, preached to them, held conf. in the evening & attended the burying of an infant, 1st to Mc Clain Preached at night,

Sunday June 26th Prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock Preached at 11 from "Take heed therefore how ye hear" Lords Supper followed, Bro Pogue Preached in the evening, & follow'd with an exhortation,

Monday June 27. Services comenced with a Prayer meeting, at close of which I Baptized one adult & some children, Then Preached a Sermon on the Demoniac of Gadara, and then closed the meeting, came on to Buck Carters some 17 miles, got there about dusk, so weary!

Tuesday June 28th Came home, found our little interests Secure, weather exceedingly warm,

Wednesday June 29th At home,
Thursday June 30th Dreamt to Bro. Wm Alexanders, spent a portion of the day, got dinner held Prayers, and puting some chickens in my Buggy Rainey have weather warm day
Friday July 1st 1859 At home, held a Prayer meeting at night,
Saturday July 2nd Commenced quarterly meeting Services at the Methodist Church at 11 Oclock, pretty fair turn out for this locality, my text was "The Serpent beguiled me, and I ate" Quarterly Conf, met at 3 oclock, quite a pleasant session Bro. Bradley Preached at night!
Sunday July 3rd Preached to a large, and serious congregation at 11 oclock, then gave the Sacrament, subject of my discourse, Resurrection & Judgment, at night Bro Bogue Preached a capital Sermon,
Monday July 4th Love feast in the morning at 9, a blessed time it was, 5 Joined the Church, Bro Bogue again Preached at 11,

at night I preached on the Flood,
Tuesday July 5th Wed. July 6th and
Thursday July 7th Spent at home, going out
on Wednesday evening to Creamers P. M. I
preached at 4 o'clock, on "The Serpent
beguiled me, and I did eat"
Bro. Croft, a good warm hearted christian
& member of the Methodist Church from
Morristown, stayed with us Thursday
night,
Friday July 8th Forenoon at home, In the
evening in company with Bro Strackey
set out for Parrottsville, went as far as old
Bro Swagertys, found the old folks in tolerable
health,
Saturday July 9th In the morning visited and
Prayed with a sick young man, preached
at 11. on Christian Perfection, met Conf
at 3 — Bro S preached at night,
Sunday July 10, Prayer meeting at nine
in the morning, Preached to a crowded house
at 11 — gave the Sacrament & lifted a collection
of $10,50 cts, Took Sacrament sitting, and
were in a house where the seats were not adapted
to taking it in a kneeling posture,

Bro Straley Preached at 4, I then went in company with Bro Nathan & gave the Sacrament to some of the sick belonging to the flock, — was a laborious day, but had some enjoyment, & trust my toil was not in vain.

Monday July 11, Love feast & Sermon, meeting closed, dined at Bro S. Parrotts, came out to Sister Mealoys & spent the night,

Tuesday July 12 Though a melting rain & clouds of dust came home, stopping at Mr Brannons for dinner & evening came home,

Wednesday, July 13, at home,

Thursday July 14 at home, each of the above days I was held funeral services in Presbyterian families, it is both a duty and a privelege to "weep with those that weep and mourn with those who mourn,"

Friday July 15, At home,

Saturday July 16th "all aboard" a Buggy, drawn by faithful Charly, two and a half hours

brings us to J.S. Rs in Rheatown, a good dinner served up by Sister R. of which we partook with an apetite, in the evening went to Bro A Stouts, spent the night with that plain dutch family,

Sunday July 17th preached the funeral of Dear Swift Stout, at Wilana, to a large congreation, he was drowned in Nola-Chuckey River on the 7th of July 1857, aged 22 years 2 months & 5 days, we spent the evening & night at Robt Gilespies,

Monday July 18th Came on to Rheatown & dined with Bro Robesons family, in the evening came home, weather quite warm, relieved by Clouds & breezes,

Tuesday July 19th At home, had an early dinner, in order to be in readiness to hear the Speeches of Messrs Harris & Netherland, who are candidates before the people for the office of chief executive of the State, went & heard, and were just as well off as before starting, hating lost time,

Wednesday July 20th. At home, in health, good apetite, disposing to eat, cheerful heart, good flow of spirits, fine rain last evening, weather quite warm, god be praised for all his mercies!

Thursday July 21st Spent a few hours at the institute it being the examination, or as it is more fashionably called "commencement" In the evening made several calls, among others called to see Rev Mr Saunders of the episcopal church, he is from Apalachicola Florida, Sorry that so pleasant, companionable, & good a man (as he seems) belongs to a church the genious of which is, to unchurch all who are not Episcopalians, Of course I felt when in his company, that I was regarded as a poor deluded Methodist, who if saved at all, would be saved on the score of ignorance,

Friday July 22nd Leaving Mary at his at Mr. Parks, I took the balance of my family & set out for a two-days meeting at Sevens M. H. in Washington county, Stopt at Isaac Barnetts for dinner, a kind, hospitable family with whom, when traveling Rhetamon circuit 16 years, we were-

went to stop & with whom we spent a good deal of time, Ten years! what changes! Sister Earnest dead, and another filling her place as a wife & mother, This latter — how hard to fill! but I should suppose She does fill it as perfectly as it is possible for one who is not an own — mother to fill it, Then, The oldest son, Oliver is married & with a young family is living hard by, Brunette too, the eldest daughter has been wooed and won, & has left her fathers house, and there is good bro. Earnest, 10 years has somewhat bent his form, deepened The furrows on his face and whitened the hairs on his head, with regard to my own, we have increased as a — family from three to five 10 years having added two to The lone little blue eyed one, we had then, years end, months fleet away, life and joy below, ends, but Gods tender care & goodness endeth not, — Spent the night at Finsby, Jacob Broyles's on The river, they live at home,

Saturday July 23 went to church, that old fashioned, hen-coop of a building, on

the bank of Nola-Chuckey, Bro' R,
from Rheatown cir gave us a sensible
& well-adapted discourse, In the
evening I preached to a melting
suffocating (almost) congregation,
& ended the labours of the day,
went for the night to old Bro-
Hanleys, had dined at Mr Hunts,
Sunday 24th July, Commenced meeting at
10 o'clock, the house would not hold one-
third of the people, & there was no good
situation out of doors, but we selected the
best we could get, Bro Robeson preached
first, a short Sermon on "They that be whole
need not a physician, but they that are
sick," he preached a good Sermon, but it was
evident, he did not have on the preaching
harness by any means, I followed; but before
I was near through a rain came up, which
broke our meeting short off.
Bro' Baldwin preached at 4 o'clock in
the evening, meeting then closed, - a
blank I fear,

Monday July 25 Spent last night at Bro J. Broyles came on to day to Philip Broyles'es, took dinner with them, I have a namesake in the family, at least in part, His name is Jacob Daily Broyles, now 9 or 10 years old came on to Sister — Wilhoits & spent the night,

Tuesday July 26th Came on to Epperson Reeves — had a fine dish of water-Mellons, first we had met with, got dinner — and came on to town,

Wednesday July 27 At home,

Thursday July 28 At home, Spent a portion of the day in Social & pastoral visiting, conversed, and Prayed with two sick persons — neither of whom in all probability will last a great while, may God have mercy on them, Preached at night, to a few persons, at the Methodist Church,

Friday July 29, Just finished "Life and Times of S. Patten, by McAnaly, quite a readable — Book, Tho too, cold, hard & dry, almost wholly confined to facts & figures, This afternoon we have had a fine rain, my religious enjoyments are poor, I still cling to earth, fond of these "earthly toys" O Jesus! refine, purify, elevate,

Saturday July 30th At home in forenoon, went to Cumberland Church, heard Mr Russell preach a good plain Sermon prayer, In the evening went to "Buck" Carters, staid all night,
Sunday July 31st preached the funeral of Widow Everhart's daughter at Prices chapel, a large congregation in attendance, had to preach out of doors, tho we had a fine grove for the purpose & a gentle breeze murmured among the broad Beach boughs, dined at old Mrs' Sandy Prices & left in haste, for Antioch 7 miles distant, where I heard Mr West preach on Prayer, I exhorted for him, I spent the night at Felix Wells's,
Monday August 1st Came on to Mrs' C's for dinner, got my little daughter (Annie) & came home,
Tuesday August 2nd Spent at home,
Wednesday, August 3rd At Home,
Thursday Aug 4th Election day, a day of much excitement, of drinking & drunkenness of fighting, swearing and lying, a day of pulling & hauling, of bargain & intrigue,

I left home at a pretty early hour, enroute for a point 16 miles distant, where I was to marry a Virginian to a fair daughter of Indiana, visited at Evans & roads on the way, went on to the appointed place by the hour specified, The man was there but The Lady was not forthcoming, (She was to have left home & met him at a neighbours house, as her family were opposed to the match) so we waited & sent one, and then another messenger, but to no purpose, She was closely watched & could not steal off, but sent word to hold on, might come on, Still she came not, what suspence! how my Virginia friend sweated over it,! we all went to bed, weary with watching, whether my anxious friend slept, I cant say, but next morning before it was light, the yard gate was heard to open, then there was a light, quick step on the porch, & a gentle knock at the door, which was soon opened & the long looked for entered having taken advantage of a sound morning sleep into which the family had fallen, She

made her escape, accompanied to the gate by one of her Sisters, So I united them as "Husband and wife" in short order, the groom Say 45 & the bride 40 years old, a fee of Three Dollars was given me, & I bade them adieu,

Friday August 5th Rode home, some rain falling on me by the way,

Saturday August 6th In conection with Bro Stradley, began a two days meeting, at Hawshaws M. H. I Preached at 11, on "Be not conformed to this world" Dined at Marion Milhites, and S. Preached in the afternoon, Spent the night at Levi Hawshaws,

Sunday August 7th At 10½. Preached the funeral of Sister Marion Milhite, She was a good woman, & died in the faith, at the close of Sermon the Lords Supper was administered, and intermission and a Basket dinner followed Then another Sermon by Bro S, & meeting closed we dispersed at Dr Broyles, and drove home, Thank God for Sabath privileges!

Monday August 8th Spent the day mostly in arranging matters for an up country trip— with my family, found time to visit & pray with a dying woman,

Tuesday August 9th Taking Mary and Wilbur with me in the Buggy, (leaving the rest to come by the cars) I set out for the upper end of my Dist, dined on the way at Daniel Millers, Staid all night at Peter Millers,

Wednesday Aug 10 Met my wife & Nannie at Johnstons Depot, dined at Bro Johnstons, came on to R, Lowes in Carter Co, & Spent the night,

Thursday Aug. 11th with much ado we prevailed on Mary and Nannie to stay at Bro Lowes, and we came on drove 36 miles & reached Col Smiths after dark, near Taylorsville,

Friday August 12th Came on to L. E. Bowers for dinner, thence to Henry Taylors on Watauga River, Watauga Co, N. C. Spent the night with them,

Saturday August 13th We drove on, sometimes

close by the river side, and then again winding round the "spurs" of the mountain, for some 6 miles, which brought us to "Pleasant grove" M.H. where was apointed to be held the 4th Q conf for Watauga mission, Preached, as best I could with the rain poring down on a clabord roof most of the time, put up at Wd Phillip Shulls, at the foot of the blue Ridge, a large family Father, Mother & some 13 children in all, some few of the children married & dont none of the family in the church, save one married daughter,

In the evening Bro McRae Preached after which held quarterly conf, gave E. H. Hampton License to Preach, and the conf, after proper examination, recomended Thos R. McRhea (Rae) to the Holston Annual conf as a proper person to be admitted on Trial,

Sunday August 14th Preached to as many as the medium size house would hold, lifted a collection, administered Sacrament, a good feeling seemed to prevail,

In the afternoon Mrs McRae & Patterson both preached Short Sermons, a good deal of rain fell during the day, made somewhat against us, I hope good may follow, Spent the night at Mrs Louder milks, Still higher up toward the head of Watauga, and in full view of the mountain called "Grandfather" Mrs L. is a member of the Episcopal church is living in a house built by a yanky Preacher of that church, and hard by stands a block-house church. seldom used,

Monday August 15th coming on down the River, met the Sang Diggers, with old Shoes clouted on their feet (adapted to a mountain tramp) Knap-sacks on their backs, & Sang hoes in hand, they Say they can make two Dollars a day, the Sang is worth when dried from 40 to 45 cts per pound, came to old Sister Moss's for dinner, thence to Henry Taylors where we Spent the night,

Tuesday August 16. Came on to D. E. Borders, Stopping at old Mr Davis's for dinner, found a young Lady. Thirl

ill with Rumatic Pains, held Prayers &
bade them adieu, Spent the night at
Bro Bowers,
Wednesday Aug 17. Getting somewhat out
of the mountains, dined at Bro' Waughs
Showns X roads, there, they know how to
cook & do things up brown, In the evening
went on to Taylorville, Stopping at Bro
Hughs's es,
Thursday Aug 18th Remained in town
until afternoon, then went out to Esqr
Donelys, Spent the night there, Thank
God we still enjoy health life, and
are cheered by friends & friendship,
Friday Aug 19 Spent forenoon at Esquire
Donelys, after dinner went to the Deep
Spring camp Ground, found a few tented
on the ground, Preached at night on
"Pray without ceasing"
Saturday Aug 20, Preached on the Flood,
held Quarterl Conf at 3, Bro Crumley
Preaching at that hour,
Sunday Aug 21st Prayer meeting at 8
o'clock, Bro's C, Preached at 9 1/2 and

myself at 11 on "The voice of one crying in the wilderness" &c. Public Collection $14, good congregation, some feeling, hope good was done, Bro Thos McRae Preached at 3 & Bro John Patterson at night,

Monday Aug 22nd Bro's Murphey and McRae Preached before dinner, Bro Kinsland in the evening, and about an hour by sun I went to a house a half a mile or so from the camp ground & Preached a Sermon for the benefit of an aged couple old Mr & Mrs Wilson, both confined to bed, neither of them I should say, under 80 years old, quite infirm & worse still, without God & without hope in the world while I tried to Preach an appropriate Sermon they both wept, may they be Converted & Saved! at night Bro Key Preached

Tuesday August 23rd Bro Cooper & myself Preached, Meeting then closed, some 12 Converts, and 11 joined the church,

Wednesday August 24, Came on from Taylorsville, dined at Bro Murphey, & then in company with Bro Little came on over rolling Stream and towering mountain until about dusk we found ourselves comfortably stowed away at Caleb Coles, on the bank of Watauga River, Sweet Potatoes for Supper,

Thursday August 25th Driving down the River we came to the Gen. Carter place, a short distance above Elizabethton long years ago my Mother & only Brother were buried in a grave yard at this place, my brother Hiram McFadden daily died I think in 1833, and my Father James Daily died in 1835, I did not suppose I could find their Graves, or be able to identify them but "Old Stephen" an old Servant of the Carter Family, was able to point them out to me without any difficulty. There they are side by side, a small Stone marking

the head & foot of each, the Stump of an Apple Tree, also stands at the foot of the graves, while grass & Elder bushes grow abundantly over them, I stooped down & with my knife carved the initials of the names of my Father & Brother with the date 1859, I doubt not their Spirits are at rest with God, while quietly slumbers their dust on the Bank of Watauga River awaiting the Trump of Judgment, Stop't a few minutes at Bro Singletarys Elizabethton, and then hastened on to Col Robt Loves, where two weeks before we had left our little girls, found all well, thanks to the good one above,

Friday August 26 Left Col Loves after dinner & went on to the "greasy Cove" Camp Ground, where was to be holden the last Quar Camp, for the Elizabethton circuit Bro Brooks Preached at night,

Saturday Aug 27. I preach on Prayer,

Sunday August 28th. I Preached
the first Sermon, the 15th Psalm, was
my Subject, N.J. Taylor followed
& gave us a Splendid Sermon, he is
a man of ability, would that he
had a wider field! During the day—
much rain fell, consequently a great
many were kept away.
Monday August 29th Weather more
favourable, Preaching & other exercises
went on as usual, we had some
Tokens of the divine favour & presence
In answer to a call made by Bro'
Taylor, $4.60 was raised toward,
buying a coat for the Presiding
Elder,
Tuesday August 30, Meeting continued
Wednesday August 31st, Closed the
Meeting, a tolerable meeting
under the circumstances, for we had
much wet weather, and the low
flung, drunken rabble annoyed us to a
considerable extent, 6 Professed to
find pardon, & 5 or 6 joined the Church,

Thursday Sept 1st 1859. Leaving Bro Bob & Taylors we came on to Br Youngs, where we spent the day & night,
Friday Sept 2nd Comenced Camp meeting at Muck Creek, camp ground, only 8 campers! what a shame! will the Lord bless a people who treat his cause with such cold contempt? how are we to sustain such a meeting? Bro J K Catlett Preach the opening Sermon on Friday evening, Bro H. Carter from Middle Tennessee Preached at night but few out, no tear shed, no sign of good,
Saturday Sept 3rd Bros Engle & Catlett preached in the forenoon, Brooks at 3 in the evening & Bro Robeson at night
Sunday Sept 4. Big Preaching time, in spite of rain & mud a large crowd well on the ground, large numbers coming on the cars, Bro Engle & Robeson Preached in forenoon, collection for the gospel about $14 Bro H. G. Taylor Preached in the evening on the "One Thing needful" Bro Brooks Preached at night no mourners! no converts!
Monday Sept 5th Had the Lords Supper after Sermon by Bro Catlett, a precious time! Monday night had a good meeting, I promise

God for what I felt of his love & power, one made profession of Religion, Services continued to a late hour at night & several of Gods people were much blessed,

Tuesday Sept 6th Julia & Mattie waited for the two o clock train, while Nannie, Willie & myself took it, in the old-fashioned way with horse & wheel, night found us all at home, safe & sound, after an absence of 4 weeks, after all how true it is, "there's no place like home"

Wednesday Sept 7, Spent at home,

Thursday Sept 8th Drove out a few miles on business in the country, my little son with me, met with some good cheer in the way of mellons, dinner &c

Friday Sept 9, Off, alone & on Charley for Horse Creek Camp ground, some 25 miles away, got dinner with Bro James Mahoney, and fell in with Mr Robeson Hardy, who accompanied me to the camp ground, found most of the camps filled, things look somewhat incouraging, at night I preached an prayer,

Saturday Sept 10th A Sermon by Bro Robeson
in the forenoon, next followed dinner,
at 3 P.M. Cross Preached, while I
met the conf, which was large
& as it was the last for the year was
laborious, occupying say 2 hours, Jones
Mahoney Preached at night,
Sunday Sept 11, at 9 o'clock Bro
Richardson Preached, Bro. Robeson
at 10 and myself, beginning say
half past 11, my subject was
"A high way shall be there &c, we
had I trust a meeting of power
meeting increasing in interest, at
night some were converted,
Monday Sept 12th Four Sermons Preached
during the day, with Sacrament, at night
great excitement, Several penitents
at the altar, & Some professed to find
peace through our Lord Jesus Christ,
it was a great meeting,
Tuesday Sept 13th came home, stopping at Mr
Sales for dinner, up to time I left the camp ground
about a dozen had made profession of religion,

Wednesday Sept 14th Spent at home, visited a family spent the evening & took supper had Prayers & bade them adieu,

Thursday Sept 15th At home, wrote three letters, one to Rev W Ingle, one to Mrs S. A. Jones, & one to James Dawson, got two letters this morning, one from cousin Frank and one from my Sister S A, Jones of Cottonga, Bot a Trunk for my wife at $5, it is cloudy This afternoon, I fear it will rain before we can get to the camp ground, (Stone Dam, where meeting begins tomorrow,) The conf. year is passing away, will soon be gone, where my field of labour is to be for the next year I know not, whether the Jonesboro District, to which I am eligible one year more, or a new field, whether a District Circuit, Station, or Mission, cannot say, ah! who can tell what changes or what trials a year may bring forth, But O Lord! "where thou art guide no ill can come" in thy hands, all is safe, soul & body, temporal & spiritual interests, all safe in the hands of a kind, heavenly Father, Praise God,

Friday Sept 16th It was a day of constant rain, after dinner took my family to Stone Dam camp ground, it was raining but slightly when we started, thought perhaps it would cease, but in this we were mistaken, and as were in an open Buggy we got tolerably well soaked, but we got to the camp-ground, 7 miles distant, found several familys camped on the ground & others continued to come in, some with no covers to their wagons, Surely they are hungry for camp meeting, we could have no meeting Friday night on account of rain, Saturday Sept 17th Rain holds up, the people are coming, meeting begins at 11 o'clock, I preached on "As we have opportunity let us do good to all men &c" held conf in the evening, Bro James Mahoney preached ~~in~~. The evening & Bro Baldwin at night,

Sunday Sept 18th, Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, by 10 o'clock there was just such a crowd for size as I never saw, at a religious meeting, people were there

from along the whole line of Back Road, pretty much from Knoxville to Bristol, 330 Baldwin, preached at 10, myself at 12, a public collection ($22.63) closed the forenoon services, preaching in the evening & at night. Some souls were hopefully converted to God.

Monday Sept 19, preached the funeral of Wm Stanfield & son, (Nathaniel) in forenoon, had a vast throng for monday - I was hoarse, but had some liberty & the people seemed a good deal moved, humans wept, some rejoiced aloud, surely God's power was felt, - Sermon followed by Lords Supper, O it was a precious time!

Tuesday Sept 20 Kept up the meeting - congregation growing smaller, but still a good many in attendance.

Wednesday Sept 21st 1859

Camp Meeting at Stone Dam closed this morning with a song of praise a prayer & exhortation, some children came forward

and conected themselves with the
viz, Ann Collet, Georgia Broyles,
Allace Robeson, & my own little
flock Mary Atkins, Nancy Elizabeth
& Wilbur Fisk, They are but
Children tis true, and have not tasted
a Saviours pardoning love & mercy, They
know but little about Bible Doctrines
or Church polity, & Some would Sneer
at the idea of Such joining the church,
Such can Sneer on, I am Satisfied,
I did not compell my children to take
the Step they did, They had no persuasion
either from my wife or myself, we had
both perhaps, frequently expressed a wish
in Their presence, that they might
in early life conect themselves with Gods
people, and perhaps all of them had at
different times, expressed a desire to
do So, This morning I asked my eldest
daughter (calling her to me) if She wished
to join, She told me She did, I then
told her to go get her little Brother
& Sister, and come forward, She —

did so, and my heart was much much affected by the scene — Our Children — we dedicated them to God in tender infancy, by Baptism, we have prayed for them from their days, they too have been taught to Pray ever since, or from the time they could begin to lisp words, and now they are probationers in the M. E. Church South, O God of Abraham Isaac + Jacob, bless & save our Children, bless the step they have this day taken, O may they soon be "Born again" may they live & die in the church, and from the church below, at last go to join the "general Assembly, and Church of the first born" above, and O Lord, help us as Parents to do our whole duty, may we raise them for God, and live to see them practical Christians, holy, happy & useful, O for this we need much much grace, much wisdom & patience, for be store on us every necessary grace, Amen

Thursday Sept 22nd Spent the day at home,
Friday Sept 23rd Bro's Robeson, Squib & Load dined with us, Then in Company with, Robeson, Straddy and Squib, went on to Carters Station, Bro S. Preached the opening Sermon,
Saturday Sept 24th Meeting went on in the usual way, Conf. was held in the afternoon, o how wearysome! one poor shorter deprived of his authority,
Sunday Sept 25. Beautiful day! Bro R. West Preached first, I followed, had a new Subject, at least in part, from Isaiah 40 — 3-4-5, had some light, and liberty, Tho from cold & fatigue I spoke in pain,
Monday Sept 26th Still fine weather, the congregations good, quiet and attentive, good seed is being sown too, I think, O may it Spring up in many hearts,
Tuesday Sept 27, Nothing of unusual interest in the evening baptized 15 children, beautiful little creatures, basking in the arms of fond mothers, none of them cried on aplying the water, one little

fellow was crying violently when I took it in my arms. but so soon as the water was aplied it ceased crying, I also baptized one adult, Following this impressive scene we had an evening Prayer meeting, oh! a gracious time it was to us,

Wednesday Sept 28. met at 8 o'clock, to close the camp meeting, Baptized two young Ladies, sung, prayed, & closed the Services with a brief talk, In all it was a pleasant meeting, we supposed, while 4 colored some. 25 made a profession of religion, my camp meetings for the season are now over, I have held six, am much debilitated in body, Thank God for all his mercies,

Thursday Sept 29. Spent at Peter Earnests, on a social visit in company with Dr Boyle his wife & daughter, with my own wife & son, Spent the night at Dr B's,

Friday Sept 30th Came home in the morning from Dr Boyle's, Spent the day at home,

Saturday Oct. 1st 1859. arose between one

and two o'clock, made my way to the depot, waited a while for the cars, they came, I was off for "Bulls Gap" got there before day, sat in the depot and rested until day light, Then went down to Bro Pogues for breakfast, Preached at the "Gapp" P.M. to a good congregation considering the rain, Preached on the "Spur of the moment" from "Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober" after Preaching Held Q. C. licensed two Brethren to Preach viz, G. D. Wells & James Mosley, the former was recommended to Conf, but no further services on account of rain,

Sunday Oct 2nd Preached to a good sized & intelligent audience, for the "Lords Supper" light bread was provided, I refused to administer, so we put off Sacrament until monday, Bro West Preached in the evening,

Monday Oct 3rd, Preached at 10 o'clock a Sacramental Sermon, from "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat"

went for dinner to mr Jas Kong. (who had dined with them on Sunday) a kind family may kind heaven smile on them! In the evening rode with Bro West to St Clair, spent the night with him,

Tuesday Oct 4th Preached in the St Clair church, at 11 o'clock, the funeral of a little girl, daughter of mr Shropshire, my text was, "I would not have you ignorant concerning those that sleep, that ye sorrow not as others which have no hope" Bro Lees was presented with a neat new hat, bade adieu to that quiet village & in company with Bro West came on to the "gap", from thence took the cars & by good Supper time was at home,

Wednesday Oct 5, and Thursday Oct 6th Spent at home,

Friday Oct 7th Leaving Mary Atkins at mr Parks, I took the rest of my family & set out for my Newport C. M., Spent the night at old Bro Swaggerty's,

Saturday Oct 8th Off pretty early for Newport, raining slightly, Stopt in to see Elbert—

young, supposed to be at deaths door, he is quite low, but seems to have the knowledge of pardon, he is quiet & peaceful, says he is "a heaven-bound man, I talked & Prayed with him, got to Newport in due time, stopping at Dr Rankins, Preached in the Academy, but O how it rained & hailed, but for which more would have been out. Billy Nelson held forth at night,

Sunday Oct 9th Preached at 11 and administered Lords Supper, dined at Bro porters, Preached again at night on "What shall it profit a man" &c

Monday Oct 10th Frost! frost! first of the season, Preached at 10 o'clock, from "Happy art thou O Israel" &c so closed our meeting, if any good was done "God knoweth" there were no "Signs following" not even a "Surface insection" Dined at Col Roadmans, bade adieu to Newport & drove over to that lovely little village Parrottsville, visited Elliot Young still breathing, tho' not rational long to Prayed, Staid all night at Robt Roadmans,

Tuesday Oct 11th came on to Bro Swagerty's for dinner, no getting off from "Aunt Swagerty" and such a dinner! done up in true Virginia Style! precious friends! friends indeed! may they live forever! after dinner drove to Greenville, 18 miles, got home one hour after night, but the fair, full moon, escorted us home,

Wednesday Oct 12 Spent the day at home, principaly doing nothing, by the by, it is hard work, I had rather build fence, grub, cut briars, pile rock - almost any thing before idleness, I did write one letter & read a little, Just forgive me, for thousands of moments spent in idleness!

Thursday Oct 13th At home, rode out to "Billy Brooks" and left my horse in his care until after Conf. Ah! my work is dwindling down to a point one more meeting & for this Conf year I am through, would that the past year had been more prolific of good, what my lot, for another year will be

cast I know not, yet to God! "not my will but Thine be done"

Friday Oct 14 Spent at home, at night took the cars & went to Rheatown, Stopping for the night with Bro Byerly,

Saturday Oct 15th Took the cars for Jonesboro. commenced at 11 o clock the quarterly meeting Services, which progressed in the usual way. Preaching at 11 & at night, — my family came up at night,

Sunday Oct 16 Preaching at 11, good large congregation, good attention, Some feeling, pleasant time at communion, Preached to the negroes at 3 o clock, at night Brother Catlett Preached

Monday Oct 17th Preached at 11 to a few on Christain Perfection, met quarterly conf, in the evening,

Tuesday Oct 18th Took the cars at 9 in the morning, & about half past one arived at Marion Va. where lives my mother & Some of my sisters, found all well, and on the lookout for us, my Mother is now Some 63 years old,

Wednesday Oct 19th Thursday Oct 20th
Friday Oct 21st Saturday Oct 22nd were
spent in Social enjoyment & converse
with friends & relations in marion, what
a pleasure it affords to meet now &—
then in lifes Journey, the friends of other
years, to look on their faces, and
forms again, to hear their familiar
voices & note in them the changes
made by time, toil & care,
Sunday Oct 23rd Preached at 11 o'clock
in the methodist church, at the
close of Sermon, I called on Mr E.
Watson, a Presbyterian to Pray, he
offered a Prayer impressive & appropriate,
Preached again at night,
Monday Oct 24th I company with some
friends, we visited the residence & family
of Mrs Garraway, formerly Mrs Wyzal
of Pulaski Co, She was not at home
but the family were, and we spent a
pleasant, & I trust profitable day, we
parted with Prayer, O may we meet
in heaven, where friends part no more

Tuesday Oct 25, was at the Depot in due time for the 9 O'clock train, - I waited, waited, waited!!! but no cars, sometime during the day we had a dispatch to the effect that the cars had run off the track not far from Salem Va. — I was anxious to be off, so as to reach Abingdon with daylight & be there for the opening Sermon by Dr E. E. Wiley, - but I was doomed to disappointment, got off however on the night train & reached Abingdon at 11½ at night, a number of Preachers were with me, we met Bro Weslar, at the Depot, who gave us our destination for the few days of Conf, it was my good fortune to be assigned to Dr Campbells with Bro W. C. Graves for my room mate,

Wednesday Oct 26th Conference opened at 9 o'clock, in "Temperance Hall" with Bishop John Early in the chair, I have never seen a more general attendance of the Preachers the most of them too, are looking cheerful & healthful, Bishop Early dispatches business

with his usual energy,
Thursday Oct 27th 1859
I shall now close, for a time at least
my Journalizing, with a few remarks
relative, to the Conf & myself,
The conf progressed in the usual way
only that we had one painful case to
dispose of, that of Coleman Campbell
who was tried by conf for high and
gross immorality, and by almost a
unanimous vote expelled from the
church, Some 17, mostly young men
were admitted on trial, in the traveling
connection, two or three located, two were
transfered, 587 was the nett increase
in the membership during the year,
Dr McTyre, editor of Nashville Advocate,
Dr Sehon missionary Sec, Dr Taylor
S.S. Agt, and John Hauk, of the
western Va Conf, were with us as
visiting brethren,
Our Conf in many respects was
quite pleasant, the pulpit labours
were considerably blessed, & some souls

& was converted to God, I was apointed
in charge of the Cumberland District,
I have been on the Loudon District
3 years, have traveled now 16 years,
The Lord has been good to me & mine,
"Bless the Lord O my Soul"
And now adieu to upper East Tenn
to its hills, and mountains, to its rivers
and fountains, to its kind hearted Sons
& daughters, I go among old friends,
I go to form new acquaintances, I go
to a new field, I go lower down
stream, along the banks of larger
& more Sluggish Streams, where the
bottoms are broader, the trees taller,
the fog heavier, and the musketoes
plenties &c and the land to which I go
is perhaps not so healthy, and I may
with those I love soon find a grave,
God protect us! and Sick or well, living
or dying, resting or roaming, may the
mercy arms be around us, and may
the "Eternal God" our refuge be!

(1) ... conf. 1858 in Christ
Church, a few things
may not be amiss
The Session was held in
the Town of Fayetteville, one of
the oldest towns in the
State. It was opened on Wednesday
morning, by Service in the
Episcopal Church. Bishop
Atkinson in the Chair.
At the opening of Conv. not
more than half the Members
were present, owing to the fact
that some were in the Army
as Chaplains & others, and
the Lord seeing it wrong the
Convention adjourned Friday
Thursday morning. The Procession
was formed & proceeded
to the Church in the following
Order, Marshal Orator & Officers,
Visitors & Strangers, Members of
the Legislature, Faculty of the
U.N.C. Church Authorities, Mayor,
Financial Secretary, & Wm. Johnston

Thurs Nov 21st Sold my Buggy to Rev Hawk
of Ten Conf. Bible Agt for the State.
I boarded with my old friend Tony
Lane.

Next Conf to be held in Athens
Tennessee

I was re'appointed to Cumberland
District. Have now travelled 18
years. 12 years on Circuit 1 year
Stationed and 5 on Districts.

Friday Nov 22nd 1861. At home.
putting away corn rained most
of the day. I was not down this
Saturday Nov 23rd Clear & cool
part of the day high wind.
Sun Nov 24th Clear & bright
Quite cool. Hear a Sermon
on Christs Second Coming by
Bro J. H. Glenn. went to the
Class' meeting in the evening
Monday Nov 25th About 6
Oclock in the morning our
fourth child was born a
son may God Spare him
and Spare us to raise him.

Monday Nov 25th 1861 Wilbur
Starts for School to Mt. Guernsey

Lt. Col. Nathaniel E. Callen.
Grand Fathers Diary - 1956
Dallas Texas -